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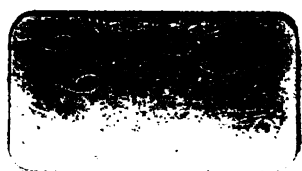
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The ninety-sixth General Court of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts convened at the State House in Boston, on the first Wednesday in January, being the sixth day thereof, in the year of our Lord eighteen hundred and seventy-five, and of the independence of the United States of America the ninety-ninth. And the members-elect of the House of Representatives having assembled in the Representatives' chamber, were called to order at 11 o'clock, A. M., by Mr. Thomas F. Plunkett, of Pittsfield, the senior member present.

Preliminary  
organization.

By request of the presiding officer, prayer was offered by the Rev. F. G. Morris, of Watertown, a member of the House.

On motion of Mr. Blunt of Haverhill,—

*Ordered*, That a committee of five be appointed, to inform the Secretary of the Commonwealth that the House has been called to order.

Messrs. Blunt, Blaney of Peabody, Currier of Newburyport, Winn of Burlington, and Bowker of Boston, were appointed the committee.

Thereupon, the Secretary transmitted to the House a list of all the persons returned as representatives, with the original certificates of their election, which had been returned to his office, there being a vacancy in the Fifth Franklin District.

On motion of Mr. Perkins of Boston,—

*Ordered*, That a committee of six be appointed, to collect the certificates of election held by the members-elect, and ascertain whether a quorum of the House is present.

Messrs. Perkins of Boston, Hawkes of Lynn, Bosworth of Taunton, Bowman of Somerville, Osgood of Salem, and Cushing of Cambridge, were appointed the committee.

Subsequently, Mr. Perkins of the committee reported that a quorum was present.

Organization.

On motion of Mr. Codman of Boston,—

*Ordered*, That a committee be appointed to wait upon His Honor, the Lieutenant-Governor, and inform him that a quorum of the House is assembled, and that the members are ready to be qualified.

Messrs. Codman, Noble of Westfield, Fairbanks of Natick, Carleton of Haverhill, Rice of Worcester, and Pierce of Milton, were appointed.

Mr. Codman, of the committee, afterwards reported that they had waited upon the Lieutenant-Governor, and that he would forthwith attend upon the House.

Oaths administered.

Soon afterwards, His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor, with the Council and the Secretary of the Commonwealth came in, and the oaths and affirmations required by the Constitution and the laws were administered by His Honor to the members present, and subscribed by them; after which the Lieutenant-Governor, the Council and the Secretary withdrew.

On motion of Mr. Hale of Boston,—

Speaker elected.

*Ordered*, That a committee of six be appointed, to receive, sort and count the votes for Speaker.

Messrs. Hale, Boynton of Westborough, Cummings of Somerville, Williams of Brookline, Knapp of Lowell, and Estabrook of Worcester, were appointed.

Mr. Hale, from the committee, afterwards reported as follows :—

Whole number of votes, . . . . .	230
Necessary for a choice, . . . . .	116
John E. Sanford of Taunton, . . . . .	161
Thomas F. Plunkett of Pittsfield, . . . . .	69

And Mr. Sanford having been elected, declaration was made accordingly, and the Speaker was conducted to the chair by a committee consisting of Messrs. Baker of Beverly and Seaver of Boston.

On motion of Mr. Tyler of Lowell,—

Clerk elected.

*Ordered*, That a committee of six be appointed, to receive, sort and count the votes for Clerk.

Messrs. Tyler, Fitz Gerald of Boston, Hall of Dracut, White of Williamstown, Heywood of Concord, and Athy of Worcester, were appointed.

Mr. Tyler, from the committee, afterwards reported as follows :

Whole number of votes, . . . .	231
Necessary for a choice, . . . .	116
George A. Marden of Lowell, . . . .	162
E. H. Luther, of Worcester, . . . .	68
William S. Robinson of Malden, . . . .	1

And Mr. Marden, having been elected, was conducted to the Council chamber by a committee consisting of Mr. Codman of Boston. And having been qualified by taking the oaths required, report was made accordingly to the House, and the Clerk entered upon the discharge of his duties.

A message was received from the Senate, announcing that that branch had been organized by the election of George B. Loring, of the Second Essex District, as President, and Stephen N. Gifford, of Duxbury, as Clerk. Senate organized.

On motion of Mr. Knox of Lawrence,—

*Ordered*, That a committee of five be appointed to inform the Senate that the House has been organized by the election of a Speaker and Clerk. Senate notified.

Messrs. Knox, Pope of Boston, Newhall of Lynn, Lewis of Fairhaven, and Johnson of Nahant, were appointed.

Mr. Knox, of the committee, afterwards reported that they had attended to that duty.

On motion of Mr. Phillips of Salem,—

*Ordered*, That a committee of five be appointed to inform the Governor and Council that the House has been organized by the election of a Speaker and Clerk. Governor notified.

Messrs. Phillips, Coveney of Cambridge, Savage of Taunton, Coffin of Winchester, and Curtis of Marlborough, were appointed.

Mr. Phillips, from the committee, afterwards reported that they had attended to that duty.

On motion of Mr. Rust of Boston,—

*Ordered*, That when the House adjourns, it adjourn to meet to-morrow, at 11 o'clock, A. M., and that that be the hour of meeting until otherwise ordered. Hour of meeting.

On motion of Mr. Pierce of Malden,—

*Ordered*, That a committee of six be appointed to receive, sort and count the votes for Sergeant-at-arms. Sergeant-at-arms.



Messrs. Pierce, Keith of Bridgewater, Hallett of Chatham, Goodspeed of Barnstable, Stebbins of Chelsea, and Phinney of Plymouth, were appointed.

Mr. Pierce of Malden, from the committee, afterwards reported as follows :—

Whole number of votes, . . . .	237
Necessary for a choice, . . . .	119
D. J. Gorman of Boston, . . . .	63
John Morissey of Plymouth, . . . .	72
O. F. Mitchell of Bridgewater, . . . .	102

And there was no choice.

On motion of Mr. Noble of Westfield, the House proceeded to another ballot, with the following result :—

Whole number of votes, . . . .	231
Necessary for a choice, . . . .	116
D. J. Gorman of Boston, . . . .	42
John Morissey of Plymouth, . . . .	53
O. F. Mitchell of Bridgewater, . . . .	136

And Mr. Mitchell was declared elected on the part of the House.

A message was received from the Senate, announcing that O. F. Mitchell, of Bridgewater, had been elected Sergeant-at-arms on the part of that branch.

Mr. Pierce of Malden was appointed a committee to inform the Senate of the election of O. F. Mitchell as Sergeant-at-arms on the part of the House.

On motion of Mr. Connell of Boston,—

Chaplain.

*Ordered,* That to-morrow, at half past 11 o'clock, A. M., be assigned for the election of Chaplain.

On motion of Mr. Kimball of Boston,—

Rules and orders.

*Ordered,* That the rules and orders of the last House be adopted for the government of this House until otherwise ordered.

Also, that the members of the joint committee on rules and orders, on the part of the House, prepare rules and orders for the government of the House.

#### *Papers from the Senate.*

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*Ordered,* In concurrence, that a committee be appointed, to be joined, to prepare rules and orders for the government of the two branches.

Messrs. Lane, Verry and Winslow having been appointed by the Senate, Messrs. Kimball of Boston, Phillips of Salem, Codman of Boston, Blunt of Haverhill, Rice of Worcester, Pierce of Milton, and Knox of Lawrence, were joined on the part of the House.

*Ordered*, In concurrence, that the returns of votes for Governor, Lieutenant-Governor, Secretary of the Commonwealth, Treasurer and Receiver-General, Auditor and Attorney-General, be referred to a joint special committee, consisting of Messrs. Harwood, Toland and Fitz of the Senate, and Messrs. Plunkett of Pittsfield, Robinson of Falmouth, Mitchell of Nantucket, Lewis of Fairhaven, Allen of Walpole, Keith of Greenfield, Gardner of Palmer, James of Williamsburg, and Ellis of Athol, of the House. Votes for Governor, etc.

*Ordered*, In concurrence, that the returns of votes for Councillors in the several councillor districts of the Commonwealth be referred to a joint special committee, consisting of Messrs. Smith, Livingston and Ayers of the Senate, and Messrs. Heywood of Concord, Rogers of Chelsea, Pew of Gloucester, Newhall of Lynn, Russell of Lowell, Wood of Swansea, Keith of Bridgewater, Fisk of Dennis, and Hillman of Chilmark, of the House. Votes for Councillors.

*Ordered*, In concurrence, that the Clerks of the two branches be directed to inform Captain Oreb F. Mitchell that he has been duly elected Sergeant-at-arms of the General Court for the current political year. Sergeant-at-arms.

*Ordered*, In concurrence, that a committee be appointed, to be joined, to wait upon His Honor, the Lieutenant-Governor and Council, and inform them that the two branches are now in readiness to attend public worship. Public worship.

Messrs. White and Stedman having been appointed by the Senate, Messrs. Baker of Beverly, Blaney of Peabody, Bosworth of Taunton, Stearns of Boston, and Jones of Deerfield, were joined on the part of the House.

Afterwards, Mr. Baker, from the committee, reported that they had attended to that duty, and that the Lieutenant-Governor had desired the committee to inform the House that he would forthwith join them, in company with the Council, in attendance upon public worship.

Adjourned at 2.20, P. M.

THURSDAY, January 7, 1875.

Met according to adjournment at 11 o'clock.

Prayer was offered by the Rev. Mr. May, of Leicester, a member of the House.

The journal of yesterday was read and approved.

Member qualified.

Mr. Samuel R. Heywood of Worcester, a representative-elect from the Tenth Worcester district, being present and ready to be qualified, presented his credentials, and a committee, consisting of Messrs. Rice and Towne of Worcester, was appointed, who conducted him to the Council Chamber, and having been duly qualified, Mr. Heywood took his seat in the House.

#### *Orders.*

Printing of journal.

On motion of Mr. Goss of Melrose,—

*Ordered*, That the Clerk be authorized to begin the printing of the journal of the House, and that five hundred copies of the same be printed.

Daily papers.

On motion of Mr. Heywood of Concord,—

*Ordered*, That the Clerk of the House be directed to procure for the use of the House two copies each of the Boston, Springfield and Worcester morning papers, one copy each of the Boston evening papers, and one daily paper from each other city of the Commonwealth where a daily paper is published; the same to be filed and placed in the room adjoining the post-office.

#### *Special Assignment.*

Chaplain.

At half-past eleven o'clock, Mr. Tompkins of Boston called for the special assignment, being the election of a Chaplain for the House.

The Speaker appointed Messrs. Goss of Melrose, Connell of Boston, Curtis of Lenox, Tucker of New Bedford, Beach of Springfield, and Ellis of Athol, a committee to receive, sort and count the votes for Chaplain.

Mr. Goss, from the committee, afterwards reported as follows:—

Whole number of votes, . . . .	210
Necessary for a choice, . . . .	106
Rev. J. W. Hamilton of Boston, . . . .	88
Rev. George W. Williams of Boston, . . . .	55

Rev. James A. Healey of Boston, . . .	28
Rev. E. L. Jaggard of Newton, . . .	22
Charles Hale of Boston, . . .	2
Rev. C. W. Biddle of Lynn, . . .	2
Rev. J. F. Waterhouse of Boston, . . .	2
Rev. John Wright of Boston, . . .	2
Rev. E. C. Bolles of Salem, . . .	1
Rev. W. R. Alger of Boston, . . .	1
Rev. J. W. Osborn, . . .	1
Rev. H. W. Beecher of New York, . . .	1
Rev. C. D. Bradley, . . .	1
Rev. J. F. W. Ware of Boston, . . .	1
Rev. Isaac Dunham of Bridgewater, . . .	1
Rev. Dennis Powers of Abington, . . .	1
Rev. R. G. Seymour of Boston, . . .	1

And there was no choice.

Mr. Plunkett of Pittsfield moved that the matter of electing a Chaplain be indefinitely postponed.

The motion was carried, by a vote of 109 to 98.

The same gentleman then moved that the presiding officer be requested to each day invite some clerical member of the House to officiate as Chaplain, which motion was also carried.

The report of the joint special committee on the returns of votes for Governor, Lieutenant-Governor and other state officers, was received from the Senate, and accepted in concurrence, as follows :—

Votes for Governor, etc.

*For Governor.*

William Gaston of Boston, . . .	96,376
Thomas Talbot of Billerica, . . .	89,344
All others, . . .	270

*For Lieutenant-Governor.*

Horatio G. Knight of Easthampton, . . .	99,151
William L. Smith of Springfield, . . .	87,138
All others, . . .	210

*For Secretary of the Commonwealth.*

Oliver Warner of Northampton, . . .	104,465
Benjamin F. Mills of Williamstown, . . .	82,026
Richard Hinchcliff of Lawrence, . . .	185
All others, . . .	27

*For Treasurer and Receiver-General.*

Charles Adams of North Brookfield, . . . . .	103,529
Nathan Clark of Lynn, . . . . .	82,127
Charles Endicott, . . . . .	891
All others, . . . . .	203

*For Auditor.*

Charles Endicott of Canton, . . . . .	103,454
C. Osgood Morse of Northampton, . . . . .	80,666
Waldo Colburn of Dedham, . . . . .	887
Charles Adams of North Brookfield, . . . . .	805
All others, . . . . .	480

*For Attorney-General.*

Charles R. Train of Boston, . . . . .	103,971
Waldo Colburn of Dedham, . . . . .	81,395
Osgood Morse of Newburyport, . . . . .	1,067
All others, . . . . .	313

And the following-named persons appear by the returns to be duly elected :—

*Governor.*—William Gaston of Boston.

*Lieutenant-Governor.*—Horatio G. Knight of Easthampton.

*Secretary of the Commonwealth.*—Oliver Warner of Northampton.

*Treasurer and Receiver-General.*—Charles Adams of North Brookfield.

*Auditor.*—Charles Endicott of Canton.

*Attorney-General.*—Charles R. Train of Boston.

Votes for Councillors.

The report of the joint committee on the votes for Councillors was received from the Senate, and accepted in concurrence. It appeared from said report that the following-named gentlemen were elected in their respective districts, to wit :—

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| District No. 1. | Alfred Macy of Nantucket.          |
| “ 2.            | Seth Turner of Randolph.           |
| “ 3.            | Alden Leland of Holliston.         |
| “ 4.            | Edward H. Dunn of Boston.          |
| “ 5.            | Robert Couch of Newburyport.       |
| “ 6.            | George O. Brastow of Somerville.   |
| “ 7.            | George Whitney of Royalston.       |
| “ 8.            | Elisha H. Brewster of Worthington. |

*Ordered*, In concurrence, that a committee be appointed, to be joined, to inform the Hon. William Gaston that he has been elected, in the manner prescribed by the Constitution, Governor of the Commonwealth for the current political year, and that the Legislature will be ready to attend upon him in taking and subscribing the oaths required by the Constitution, and a law of the United States, to qualify him for the discharge of the duties of the office, at such hour as may suit his convenience.

Governor and  
Lieut.-Governor  
qualified.

Also to inform the Hon. Horatio G. Knight that he has been duly elected Lieutenant-Governor of the Commonwealth for the current political year, and that the Legislature will attend upon him in taking and subscribing the oaths required by the Constitution to qualify him for the discharge of the duties of the office, at such hour as may suit his convenience.

Messrs. Britton, Wiley and Dacey having been appointed by the Senate, Messrs. Plunkett of Pittsfield, Baker of Beverly, Allen of Duxbury, Noble of Westfield, Sanborn of Boston, Lewis of Fairhaven, Goodspeed of Barnstable, Pierce of Malden, and Carleton of Haverhill, were appointed on the part of the House.

Mr. Plunkett, from the committee, afterwards reported that the committee had waited upon the Governor and Lieutenant-Governor elect, and that they had signified their acceptance of the office, and their readiness to be qualified at the earliest convenience of the two branches.

Mr. Perkins of Boston was charged with a message to the Senate, to propose a joint convention forthwith, for the purpose of administering the oaths to the Governor and Lieutenant-Governor elect.

A message was afterwards received from the Senate, announcing the concurrence of that branch in the proposition.

#### *Joint Convention.*

The Senate then came in, its President took the chair, and the two branches being in convention, a committee consisting of Messrs. Stone, Verry and Harwood, of the Senate, and Messrs. King of Boston, Tompkins of Boston, Closson of Marblehead, Stone of Northampton and Keith of Greenfield, was appointed to wait upon the Governor and Lieutenant-Governor elect, and inform

Joint conven-  
tion.

them that the two branches are now in joint convention, and are ready to attend to the administration of the oaths of office.

Mr. Stone, from the committee, afterwards reported that the Governor and Lieutenant-Governor elect would immediately attend upon the House.

The Governor and Lieutenant-Governor elect then came in, accompanied by various civil and military officers of the Commonwealth.

The oaths and affirmations of office were then, in the presence of the two Houses, and before the President of the Senate, administered to and subscribed by Hon. William Gaston as Governor, and Hon. Horatio G. Knight as Lieutenant-Governor, and proclamation thereof was made by the Secretary of the Commonwealth.

His Excellency then delivered an address to the Senators and Representatives.

After which the Governor and Lieutenant-Governor withdrew, the Convention was dissolved, and the Senate withdrew to its chamber.

Councillors  
qualified.

*Ordered*, In concurrence, that the Secretary of the Commonwealth give notice to Messrs. Seth Turner, Alden Leland, Edward H. Dunn, Robert Couch, George O. Brastow, George Whitney and E. H. Brewster, that they have been duly elected Councillors to advise the Governor in the executive part of the government for the current political year.

A communication was subsequently received from the Secretary of the Commonwealth, announcing that the Councillors-elect had signified their acceptance of the office, and were ready to be qualified.

A message was received from the Senate, proposing a joint convention forthwith, for the purpose of administering the oaths of office to the Councillors-elect.

The proposition was concurred in, and Mr. Blunt of Haverhill was charged with a message to the Senate to that effect.

#### *Joint Convention.*

Joint conven-  
tion.

The Senate then came in, its President took the Chair, and the two branches being in convention, a committee, consisting of Messrs. Fitz and Gatchell of the Senate, and Messrs. Currier of Newburyport, Burr of Newton and James of Williamsburg, of the House, was appointed to

wait upon the Councillors-elect, and inform them that the two Houses are in joint convention for the purpose of administering the oaths required by the Constitution to qualify them for office.

Soon afterwards, the Councillors-elect, Messrs. Seth Turner, Alden Leland, Edward H. Dunn, Robert Couch, George O. Brastow, George Whitney and Elisha H. Brewster came in, and in the presence of the two Houses, and before the President of the Senate, the oaths were taken and subscribed by them, and declaration was made accordingly.

The convention was then dissolved, and the Senate returned to its chamber.

On motion of Mr. Cummings of Somerville,—

*Ordered*, That the Secretary of the Commonwealth give notice to the Governor that Messrs. Seth Turner, Alden Leland, Edward H. Dunn, Robert Couch, George O. Brastow, George Whitney and Elisha H. Brewster have been duly elected and qualified as Councillors to advise him in the executive part of the government for the current political year.

Seat up for concurrence.

*Ordered*, In concurrence, that a joint special committee be appointed, to consider and report what disposition shall be made of the several portions of the Governor's address. Reference of Governor's address.

Messrs. Winslow, Clark and Jones having been appointed by the Senate, Messrs. Kimball of Boston, Hale of Boston, Phillips of Salem, Codman of Boston, Blunt of Haverhill, Rice of Worcester, Pierce of Milton, and Knox of Lawrence, were joined on the part of the House.

Adjourned at 2.55, P. M.

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FRIDAY, January 8, 1875.

Met according to adjournment, at 11 o'clock, A. M.

Prayer was offered by the Rev. Mr. Closson of Marblehead, a member of the House.

The journal of yesterday was read and approved.

Mr. Stearns of Boston moved a reconsideration of the vote whereby the matter of electing a Chaplain for the Chaplain elected.



House was yesterday indefinitely postponed. The motion was carried by a vote of 119 to 53.

The question recurring on indefinite postponement, it was negatived.

The same gentleman moved a reconsideration of the vote whereby the Speaker was requested to each day invite some clerical member of the House to officiate as Chaplain, which motion was also carried; and the question recurring on the original motion, it was lost.

Mr. Pierce of Malden moved that Tuesday next, at half-past two o'clock, be assigned for the election of chaplain. Lost.

Mr. Kimball of Boston then moved that the Rev. Robert G. Seymour of Boston be declared the Chaplain-elect of the House. The motion was carried.

On motion of Mr. Osgood of Salem,—

*Ordered*, That the Clerk be directed to inform the Rev. Robert G. Seymour of Boston that he has been elected Chaplain of the House for 1875.

On motion of Mr. Kimball of Boston,—

Labor—Gov.  
ernor's address.

*Ordered*, That so much of the Governor's address as relates to the employment of minors in manufacturing establishments, and other matters relating to labor, be referred to a joint special committee on the Labor Question, to consist of eight on the part of the House, with such as the Senate may join.

Sent up for concurrence.

#### *Paper from the Senate.*

Committees on  
Governor's  
address.

The report of the joint special committee to whom was referred the matter of the disposition of the various portions of the Governor's address, was accepted in concurrence, as amended by the Senate, and in accordance therewith it was ordered,—

That so much of said address as refers to national affairs be referred to the joint standing committee on Federal Relations.

So much as refers to state charities be referred to the joint standing committee on Public Charitable Institutions.

So much as refers to education to the joint standing committee on Education.

So much as refers to military affairs to the joint standing committee on Military Affairs.

So much as refers to prisons to the joint standing committee on Prisons.

So much as refers to the prohibitory law to a joint special committee, to consist of three on the part of the Senate and eight on the part of the House.

So much as refers to a constitutional amendment to a joint special committee, to consist of the standing committees of the Senate and House on the Judiciary.

So much as refers to railroads to the joint standing committee on Railroads.

So much as refers to the Hoosac Tunnel to a joint special committee on the Hoosac Tunnel Line of Railroads, to consist of three on the part of the Senate and eight on the part of the House.

So much as refers to the centennial celebration to the joint standing committee on Federal Relations.

Mr. Codman of Boston moved that when the House adjourns, it be to meet on Monday, at 2 o'clock, P. M., and that hereafter that be the hour of meeting, except on Saturdays, when the hour shall be 11 o'clock, A. M. The motion was carried. Hour of meeting.

Mr. Tompkins of Boston moved a suspension of the rule, so that the House might proceed at once to the drawing of seats, but the motion was lost. Seats.

On motion of Mr. Phillips of Salem, the House, at 12.5, Adjourned.

MONDAY, January 11, 1875.

Met according to adjournment.

Rev. R. G. Seymour, having accepted the office of chaplain, appeared, and prayer was offered by him. Chaplain.

The journal of Friday was read and approved.

#### *Orders.*

On motion of Mr. Blunt of Haverhill,—

*Ordered*, That hereafter the reading of the journal of the House be dispensed with, unless specially called for. Reading of Journal.

On motion of Mr. Pierce of Milton,—

*Ordered*, That the committee on the Judiciary consider the expediency of including the town of Milton within the jurisdiction of the East Norfolk District Court. Milton—East Norfolk District Court.

*Petitions Presented.*

Abington and  
East Bridge-  
water—new  
town.

By Mr. Reed of Abington, the petition of William L. Reed and 578 others, legal voters of Abington and East Bridgewater, to be set off from their respective towns, and incorporated as a town. Referred to the committee on Towns.

Elizur Wright,  
et als.—Ameri-  
can Family  
Bank.

By Mr. Hale of Boston, the petition of Elizur Wright, William Claflin and others, for the incorporation of the American Family Bank. Referred to the committee on Insurance.

S. C. Cobb, et  
als.—new luna-  
tic hospital.

By Mr. Kimball of Boston, the petition of S. C. Cobb, C. C. Esty and Edwin Walden, Commissioners for the erection of a new lunatic hospital, for authority to provide for water for said hospital. Referred to the committee on Water Supply and Drainage.

These papers were severally sent up for concurrence.

S. D. Hood.

By Mr. Cummings of Somerville, the petition of Salmon D. Hood of Topsfield, for the seat in the House now occupied by John H. Potter of Topsfield. Referred to the committee on Elections.

Workhouse.

The estimates for supplies, etc., for the state workhouse at Bridgewater were received, and referred to the committee on Finance.

*Paper from the Senate.*

State police.

A bill to repeal chapter 394 of the Acts of 1871, entitled an Act to secure a better system of Police; also chapter 355 of the Acts of 1872, entitled an Act in relation to the tenure of office of the Police Commissioners; also chapter 405 of the Acts of 1874, entitled an Act to abolish the Police Commission, introduced on leave in the Senate and referred to a joint special committee consisting of Messrs. Gatchell, Wardwell and Stedman on the part of the Senate, with such as the House may join, was read. The House concurred in the reference, and Messrs. Fuller of Boston, Boynton of Westborough, Stone of Northampton, Morris of Watertown, Hatheway of Fall River, Wyman of Woburn, Connell of Boston, and Nutter of East Bridgewater, were joined on the part of the House.

Councillor va-  
cancy.

A communication from His Excellency the Governor was received from the Senate, and read, informing the Legislature of the vacancy existing in the Executive

Council by the death of the Hon. Alfred Macy of Nantucket, who was elected from the first district.

On motion of Mr. Kimball of Boston, Wednesday next, at half past 2 o'clock, P. M., was assigned for the election of a Councillor, on the part of the House, to fill the vacancy existing in said district. Councillor vacancy.

A message was received from His Excellency the Governor, transmitting the following communication :— Concord—centennial anniversary.

*To His Excellency the Governor of Massachusetts :*

SIR,—The inhabitants of the town of Concord, Massachusetts, cordially invite the Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth to be present as their guests at Concord on the nineteenth of April, 1875, and to join with them in celebrating the centennial anniversary of the opening of the Revolutionary War.

E. R. HOAR,  
R. W. EMERSON,  
GEORGE HEYWOOD,  
*Committee of Invitation.*

The invitation was accepted by the House, and sent to the Senate.

#### *Reports of Committees.*

Mr. Kimball of Boston, from the committee on Rules and Orders, reported a series of rules and orders for the government of the House, which were amended, on motion of Mr. Hatheway of Fall River, by striking out the rule numbered 6, providing that the Chaplain of the House should be appointed by the Speaker, and, as amended, were adopted. Rules and orders.

The same gentleman, from the same committee, reported a schedule of joint rules and orders for the government of the two houses, which were adopted on the part of the House and sent up for concurrence.

The Speaker appointed the standing committees of the House, as follows :— Standing committees of the House.

*On the Judiciary.*—Messrs. Codman of Boston, Rice of Worcester, Pierce of Milton, Heywood of Concord, Knox of Lawrence, Morse of Boston, Gardner of Palmer.

*On Matters of Probate and Chancery.*—Messrs. Bowman of Somerville, Osgood of Salem, Estabrook of

Worcester, Hatheway of Fall River, Meserve of Hopkinton, Copeland of Springfield, Swan of Lowell.

*On Finance.*—Messrs. Kimball of Boston, Stearns of Boston, Cushing of Cambridge, Miller of Fall River, Blaney of Peabody, Churchill of Plympton, Whitney of Ashburnham.

*On Elections.*—Messrs. Coffin of Winchester, Smith of Dudley, Ryder of Worcester, Wood of Swansea, Warren of Wrentham, Geer of West Springfield, Rice of Barre.

*On Bills in Third Reading.*—Messrs. Long of Hingham, Fobes of Oakham, Brown of Salisbury, Davis of Holyoke, Holmes of Chelsea, Carroll of Fall River, Lincoln of Sturbridge.

*On Engrossed Bills.*—Messrs. Goss of Melrose, Atkinson of Newburyport, Baker of Medfield, Fobes of Easton, Jacobs of Chicopee, Dyer of Weymouth, Trull of Tewksbury.

*On County Estimates.*—Messrs. Sanborn of Boston, Davis of Gloucester, Hall of Dracut, Hughes of Boston, Rich of Seekonk, Small of Provincetown, Howes of Ashfield.

*On the Pay Roll.*—Messrs. Green of Monson, Heywood of Sterling, Baker of Northbridge, Thayer of Stoughton, Howard of Marblehead, Flynn of Boston, Wilcox of Sandisfield.

*On Leave of Absence.*—Messrs. Seaver of Boston, Spaulding of Townsend, Johnson of Boston, Bickford of Berlin, Bridgman of Belchertown, Bent of Wayland, Wallace of Braintree.

*On Public Buildings.*—Messrs. Kendall of Cambridge, Potter of Topsfield, Richmond of Harvard, Bergin of Milford, Blake of Ipswich, Doherty of Boston, Bowen of Wendell.

*On Printing.*—Messrs. Rankin of Boston, Beach of Springfield, Hovey of Sutton, Torrey of South Scituate, Noonan of Boston, Coogan of Pittsfield, Mahony of Boston.

In concurrence, the joint standing committees were appointed as follows :—

Joint standing  
committees.

*On Agriculture.*—Messrs. Edson and Harwood, of the Senate; and Messrs. Minor of Phillipston, Flower of Agawam, Smith of Dartmouth, Gaskill of Mendon, and Curtis of Lenox, of the House.

*On Banks and Banking.*—Messrs. Smith and Hyde, of

the Senate; and Messrs. Babson of Gloucester, Tyler of Lowell, Stebbins of Chelsea, Burr of Newton, and Abbe of Springfield, of the House.

*On Claims.*—Messrs. Davis, Lovering and Robinson, of the Senate; and Messrs. Lewis of Fairhaven, Cummings of Somerville, Pratt of Boston, Copeland of Springfield, Holden of Westminster, Allen of Walpole, Moseley of Boston, and Fisk of Dennis, of the House.

*On Education.*—Messrs. Hawes and Stone, of the Senate; and Messrs. White of Williamstown, Stone of Northampton, Closson of Marblehead, Woodbury of Boston, and Putnam of New Salem, of the House.

*On Federal Relations.*—Messrs. Palmer and Phillips, of the Senate; and Messrs. May of Leicester, Keith of Bridgewater, LeBaron of Middleborough, Packard of Halifax, and Woods of Boston, of the House.

*On the Fisheries.*—Messrs. Fitz and Hawes, of the Senate; and Messrs. Johnson of Nahant, Smalley of Harwich, Kingsley of Boston, Dennis of Rockport, and Hillman of Chilmark, of the House.

*On Harbors.*—Messrs. Fitz, Wiley and Howard, of the Senate; and Messrs. Perkins of Boston, Thurston of Cambridge, Mitchell of Nantucket, Savery of Wareham, Sweeney of Boston, Beal of Cohasset, Gifford of Westport, and Rogers of Chelsea, of the House.

*On Insurance.*—Messrs. White and Hunt, of the Senate; and Messrs. Paul of Boston, Coveney of Cambridge, Pope of Boston, Swan of Lowell, and Tucker of New Bedford, of the House.

*On the Library.*—Messrs. Parmenter, Robinson and Verry, of the Senate; and Messrs. Noble of Truro, Russell of Lowell, and McDonald of Boston, of the House.

*On Manufactures.*—Messrs. Davis and Livingston, of the Senate; and Messrs. Plunkett of Pittsfield, Whitney of Attleborough, Jaimes of Williamsburg, Hall of Leominster, and Grose of Abington, of the House.

*On Mercantile Affairs.*—Messrs. Clark, Smith and Ayers, of the Senate; and Messrs. Hawkes of Lynn, Willard of Ayer, Rust of Boston, Curtis of Marlborough, Leighton of Haverhill, Bright of Waltham, Robinson of Boston, and Holbrook of Holbrook, of the House.

*On Military Affairs.*—Messrs. Harwood and Orcutt, of the Senate; and Messrs. King of Boston, Wellington of

Cambridge, Savage of Taunton, Talbot of Boston, and Pew of Gloucester, of the House.

*On Parishes and Religious Societies.*—Messrs. Winslow and Lane, of the Senate; and Messrs. Massey of Bellingham, Hallett of Chatham, Coolidge of Sherborn, Stevens of Worthington, and Woodbury of Beverly, of the House.

*On Prisons.*—Messrs. Winslow, Edson and Flatley, of the Senate; and Messrs. Hill of Boston, Robinson of Falmouth, Locke of Boston, Bosworth of Taunton, Merrill of Boston, Litchfield of Southbridge, Towne of Worcester, and Day of Norwood, of the House.

*On Public Charitable Institutions.*—Messrs. Stedman, Toland and Belcher, of the Senate; and Messrs. Goodspeed of Barnstable, Carleton of Haverhill, Winn of Burlington, May of Lee, Reed of Abington, Haven of Framingham, Peirce of New Bedford, and Churchill of Boston, of the House.

*On Public Lands.*—Messrs. Gatchell and Ingalls, of the Senate; and Messrs. Stimpson of Swampscott, Collins of Boston, Chase of Amesbury, Sanford of West Brookfield, and Barker of New Bedford, of the House.

*On Railroads.*—Messrs. White, Palmer and Hyde, of the Senate; and Messrs. Phillips of Salem, Blunt of Haverhill, Williams of Brookline, Frost of Boston, Fairbanks of Natick, Heywood of Worcester, Knapp of Lowell, and Dwyer of Adams, of the House.

*On Roads and Bridges.*—Messrs. Wardwell and Jones, of the Senate; and Messrs. Jones of Deerfield, Newhall of Lynn, Sanderson of Templeton, Thompson of Foxborough, and Davis of Enfield, of the House.

*On the State House.*—Messrs. Toland and Wiley, of the Senate; and Messrs. Tompkins of Boston, Smith of Blackstone, Adams of Boston, Hodges of Quincy, and Bailey of Newbury, of the House.

*On Street Railways.*—Messrs. Parmenter, Edson, and Hunt, of the Senate; and Messrs. Shaw of Springfield, Carney of Boston, Bell of Salem, Fitz Gerald of Boston, Hill of Lowell, Bradley of Worcester, Brintnall of Boston, and Hopkinson of Groveland, of the House.

*On Towns.*—Messrs. Wardwell and Gatchell, of the Senate; and Messrs. Allen of Duxbury, Seeley of Great Barrington, Griggs of Grafton, Harding of Mansfield, and Ellis of Athol, of the House.

*On Water Supply and Drainage.*—Messrs. Lovering, Britton and Rymes, of the Senate; and Messrs. Ropes of Boston, Currier of Newburyport, Bowker of Boston, Meserve of Hopkinton, Sawyer of Methuen, Buckminster of New Bedford, Phinney of Plymouth, and Lawrence of Medford, of the House.

In concurrence, the following joint special committees Joint special committees. were appointed :—

*On the Hoosac Tunnel Line of Railroads.*—Messrs. Lane, Clark and Orcutt, of the Senate; and Messrs. Hale of Boston, Baker of Beverly, Noble of Westfield, Pierce of Malden, Keith of Greenfield, Gaylord of Northampton, Martin of Adams, and Coolidge of Westminster, of the House.

*On the Labor Question.*—Messrs. Winslow, Britton and Flatley, of the Senate; and Messrs. May of Leicester, McNutt of Boston, Robinson of Wenham, Athy of Worcester, Best of Stoneham, Bailey of Boston, Truell of Lawrence, and Brigham of Hudson, of the House.

*On the Liquor Law.*—Messrs. Fuller, Stedman and Stone, of the Senate; and Messrs. Fuller of Boston, Boynton of Westborough, Stone of Northampton, Morris of Watertown, Hatheway of Fall River, Wyman of Woburn, Connell of Boston, and Nutter of East Bridgewater, of the House.

*On the State Police.*—Messrs. Gatchell, Wardwell, and Stedman, of the Senate; and Messrs. Fuller of Boston, Boynton of Westborough, Stone of Northampton, Morris of Watertown, Hatheway of Fall River, Wyman of Woburn, Connell of Boston, and Nutter of East Bridgewater, of the House.

The monitors of the House were appointed as follows :—

*First Division.*—Messrs. Smith of Andover and Tompkins of Boston.

*Second Division.*—Messrs. Newton of Weymouth and Greene of Northfield.

*Third Division.*—Messrs. Pomeroy of Washington and Gibbs of Russell.

*Fourth Division.*—Messrs. Cook of North Reading and Duggan of Millbury.

*Fifth Division.*—Messrs. Martin of Boston and Keith of Brockton.



*Sixth Division.*—Messrs. Gaylord of South Hadley and Keith of Sandwich.

Seats.

Under the rule, the House proceeded at once to the drawing of seats. Messrs. Codman and Tompkins of Boston and Goss of Melrose were appointed a committee to supervise the same.

On motion of Messrs. Hale of Boston and Knox of Lawrence, respectively, Messrs. King of Boston and Sawyer of Methuen were each allowed to select a seat before the drawing began.

At 3.35 the House  
Adjourned.

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TUESDAY, January 12, 1875.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer was offered by the Chaplain.

Mr. Codman of Boston offered the following resolutions, which, at his request, were laid over until tomorrow:—

#### JOINT RESOLUTIONS

*Concerning the Acts of the Army of the United States in the State of Louisiana.*

Louisiana.

WHEREAS, it is a fundamental constitutional right that republican legislative bodies should be judges of the qualifications of their members; and whereas, any invasion of this right is contrary to the constitution of the United States, which guarantees to every State a republican form of government; and whereas, no local violence in any State can justify the additional and more dangerous violence of unconstitutional remedies; therefore,

*Resolved*, That the Legislature of Massachusetts has heard with concern and alarm that the soldiers of the United States army have appeared in the hall of the house of representatives of the State of Louisiana, and that the military authorities of the United States have assumed to determine the validity of the election of members of the Legislature of that State, and have proceeded, by armed force, to remove such persons as, in their judgment, were not members thereof.

*Resolved*, That this Legislature, unwilling to believe that any violation of the rights of the States has been

intended or will be countenanced by the President of the United States, is yet constrained to declare that the reported acts of the military authorities of the United States in the State of Louisiana are subversive of the rights of the States and of the liberties of the people; and this Legislature does solemnly protest against them, and does respectfully call upon the President of the United States to take such action as will relieve the national government from the responsibility of sustaining them.

*Resolved*, That His Excellency the Governor be requested to transmit a copy of these resolutions to the President of the United States, and to the Senators and Representatives in Congress from this Commonwealth.

*Petitions Presented.*

By Mr. Lewis of Fairhaven, the petition of Albert F. Howard for state aid. Referred to the committee on Claims. A. F. Howard—  
state aid.

By Mr. Gardner of Palmer, the petition of the trustees of the State Primary School at Monson for leave to apply unexpended funds for the purchase and improvement of lands. Referred to the committee on Public Charitable Institutions. State Primary  
School.

By Mr. Peirce of New Bedford, the petition of Andrew J. Skiff and others, and of George B. Richmond and others of New Bedford, in aid of the said petition, for the annexation of a portion of Acushnet to New Bedford. Referred to the committee on Towns. Andrew J. Skiff,  
et als., and Geo.  
B. Richmond, et  
als.—Acushnet  
and N. Bedford.

By Mr. Dwyer of Adams, the memorial of Walter and Francis Shanly, concerning the Hoosac Tunnel. Referred to the committee on the Hoosac Tunnel Line of Railroads. W. & F. Shanly.

These petitions were severally sent up for concurrence.

By Mr. Fuller of Boston, the petition of William A. Garbett and others to amend section 3, chapter 286, Acts of 1870, requiring all land surveyors to adjust their compasses by the established meridian lines. Wm. A. Gar-  
bett, et als.—  
surveyors' com-  
passes.

By Mr. Goss of Melrose, the petition of J. Spencer Drayton, asking that the Union Mutual Loan Fund Association may be revived, in order that a mortgage may be properly discharged. J. Spencer  
Drayton—Union  
Mut. Loan Fund  
Association.

Severally referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. Perkins of Boston, the petition of William

Wm. Taylor—  
recount. Taylor of Boston for a recount of votes for representative in the Second Suffolk District; by Mr. Stone of Northampton, the petition of Thomas R. Greene for a recount of votes for representative in the Fifth Hampshire District; by Mr. Carleton of Haverhill, the petition of William A. Haskell of Marblehead for the seat now occupied by Harrison Closson of Marblehead; by Mr. Hill of Lowell, the petition of James McManus, democratic candidate for the Thirteenth Middlesex District, for a recount of votes; by Mr. Peirce of New Bedford, the petition of Frederick P. Shaw, claiming the seat as representative from the Tenth Representative District of Bristol County; by Mr. Noble of Westfield, the petition of Orsamus Maxwell of Heath, asking for a recount of the votes for representative for the Fifth Franklin District.

Severally referred to the committee on Elections.

State Primary  
School.

A petition was received from the Inspectors of the State Primary School at Monson for leave to apply unexpended funds to purchase land and make improvements.

Referred to the committee on Finance.

### Orders.

Appropriation  
bills.

On motion of Mr. Kimball of Boston,—

*Ordered*, That the committee on Finance have authority to report, from time to time, such appropriation bills as they may deem necessary, and also to employ clerical assistance.

County affairs.

On motion of Mr. Codman of Boston,—

*Ordered*, That the committee appointed by the last House of Representatives to examine into the county expenditures of the several counties of the Commonwealth be authorized to defer the presentation of their report until Wednesday, the 20th inst.

Judicial papers.

On motion of Mr. Pierce of Milton,—

*Ordered*, That the committee on the Judiciary consider the expediency of further legislation to facilitate the proof of papers and documents in judicial proceedings.

Lexington—  
centennial cele-  
bration.

A communication, signed by Charles Hudson, M. H. Merriam and William H. Munroe, a committee of the town of Lexington, inviting the House of Representatives to be present on the 19th of April, 1875, at the centennial celebration of the opening scene of the Revolutionary War, was received and read, and on motion of Mr. Winn of Burlington, the House voted to accept the invitation.

Mr. White of Williamstown presented the report of the State Board of Education on the proposed survey of the Commonwealth; which, on his motion, was laid on the table and ordered to be printed. Scientific survey.

The report of Dr. Nathan Allen and Wendell Phillips, a Commission on Lunacy, was received, laid on the table, and ordered to be printed. Lunacy.

A communication was received from Mr. Charles F. Adams, chairman of the Board of Railroad Commissioners, stating that certain reports called for by a resolve of the last General Court would be embodied in the annual report of the Board. Placed on file. Railroad Commissioners' Reports.

*Introduced on Leave.*

By Mr. Pierce of Milton, a bill concerning vagrants. Referred to the committee on Public Charitable Institutions, and sent up for concurrence. Vagrants.

*Papers from the Senate.*

*Ordered*, In concurrence, that the Clerks of the two branches cause to be prepared a list of the committees in memorandum form, not exceeding 500 in number, for the use of members of the Legislature. Committee lists.

*Ordered*, In concurrence, that the Clerks of the two branches cause to be printed and bound in suitable form 2,500 copies of the Rules and Orders of the two branches, with lists of the several standing and special committees, together with such other matters as may be considered practicable in a legislative manual. Rules and orders.

Adjourned at 2.30.

WEDNESDAY, January 13, 1875.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer was offered by the Chaplain.

*Petitions Presented.*

By Mr. Jacobs of Chicopee, petition of J. W. Osgood and others of Chicopee Falls, for a savings bank in said village. Referred to the committee on Banks and Banking. Chicopee—savings bank.

Cambridge ar-  
senal.

By Mr. Cushing of Cambridge, petition of city of Cambridge, that three pieces of British ordnance, etc., now on the arsenal grounds, may be given to said city. Referred to committee on Military Affairs.

Philip Mackey.

By Mr. Dwyer of Adams, petition of Philip Mackey for aid on account of injuries received at the Hoosac Tunnel.

Peter Powers.

By Mr. Martin of Adams, petition of Peter Powers for state aid.

Severally referred to the committee on Claims.

Hingham Ins.  
Co.

By Mr. Long of Hingham, petition of the Hingham Mutual Fire Insurance Company, for an extension of charter. Referred to the committee on Insurance.

Framingham—  
First Parish.

By Mr. Haven of Framingham, petition of the First Parish in Framingham for authority to hold real estate. Referred to the committee on Parishes and Religious Societies.

Librarian.

A communication was received from the Secretary of the Commonwealth, transmitting the annual report of the State Librarian, which was referred to the committee on the Library; the report of the Commissioners on Public Lands—referred to the committee on Public Lands; the reports of the Massachusetts State Prison, and the State Agent for aiding discharged convicts—referred to the committee on Prisons; also the reports of the State Reform School; State Industrial School for Girls; the State Lunatic Hospitals at Northampton, Taunton and Worcester; the Inspectors of the State Workhouse at Bridgewater; the State Primary School at Monson; the State Almshouse at Tewksbury; the Trustees of the Perkins Institution and Massachusetts Asylum for the Blind; and the Trustees of the Massachusetts School for Idiotic and Feeble-minded Youth—severally referred to the committee on Public Charitable Institutions.

These papers were severally sent up for concurrence.

Returns of  
sheriffs and  
registers of  
deeds.

The Secretary of the Commonwealth also transmitted the returns of the sheriffs, and of registers of deeds; which were referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

Department ex-  
penses.

The Secretary also transmitted a statement of estimates calling for appropriations for the several departments. Referred to the committee on Finance.

Almshouse.

The estimate of expenses of the State Almshouse at Tewksbury for 1875, was received, and referred to the same committee.

Mr. Hawkes of Lynn presented the petition of Jacob M. Lewis, mayor of Lynn, for an act to provide for commissioners of streets and sewers. Referred to the committee on the Judiciary. Lynn—streets and sewers.

*Introduced on Leave.*

By Mr. Long of Hingham, a bill to extend the jurisdiction of the municipal court of the city of Boston. Boston municipal court.

By Mr. Williams of Brookline, a bill in relation to the Superior Court. Superior court.

Severally read and referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

*Orders.*

On motion of Mr. Kimball of Boston,—

*Ordered,* That the committee on Prisons consider the expediency of repealing chapter 155 of the Acts of 1873, entitled "An Act authorizing the construction of a new state prison building," and of chapter 255 of the Acts of 1874, entitled "An Act in addition to and amendatory of an Act authorizing the construction of a new prison building"; and also the propriety of providing for an extension of the inclosed area, and improvement of the buildings, of the present prison at Charlestown, to meet the wants of that institution. New State Prison, etc.

Mr. Phillips of Salem offered the following order, which was adopted under a suspension of the 21st joint rule :— South Boston Flats.

*Ordered,* That one thousand extra copies of the report of the committee on the use of South Boston Flats as terminal grounds for railroads, be printed, with the accompanying documents and plans, for the use of the Legislature.

Mr. Kimball of Boston offered the following order, which was also adopted under a suspension of the 21st joint rule :— Taxation.

*Ordered,* That the Commissioners appointed under the authority of resolve, chapter 70 of the Acts of 1874, entitled "A Resolve authorizing the appointment of a commission to inquire into the expediency of revising and amending the laws of the State relating to taxation and the exemptions therefrom," have further time to make their report, and that, when reported, two thousand extra copies be printed, three hundred of which shall be appropriated to the commissioners.

Severally sent up for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. Baker of Medfield,—  
**Town finances.** *Ordered*, That the committee on the Judiciary consider the expediency of enacting a law to promote economy and system in the finances of towns.

On motion of Mr. Swan of Lowell,—  
**Husband and wife.** *Ordered*, That the committee on the Judiciary be directed to inquire into the expediency of repealing or amending the Act entitled "An Act in relation to the rights of husband and wife," as found in chapter 184 of the Acts of 1874.

*Papers from the Senate.*

**Louisiana.** The following resolutions were referred, in concurrence, to the committee on Federal Relations :—

RESOLUTIONS

*In relation to Federal Interference with the Legislature of Louisiana.*

WHEREAS, by time-honored and uniform usage, all parliamentary bodies are and of right ought to be, and of necessity must be, the sole judges of the returns, elections and qualifications of their members, and with this prerogative of every State in the Union neither the Executive of any State or any branch of the Federal Government has the right to interfere ;

AND WHEREAS, the people of Massachusetts have learned with alarm that the legislature of a sister State, convened and organized, and peacefully conducting its proceedings, has, upon the call of the acting Executive of the State, while the legislature was in session, been forcibly invaded by a military force, acting under the orders of the President of the United States, and certain of its members, declared by the House of Representatives duly elected and entitled to their seats, have been removed by force and arms from the legislative hall ; therefore

*Resolved*, That the people of Massachusetts regard the recent action of the President of the United States in Louisiana as an unwarranted attack upon the sovereignty of the States, upon republican usages, and upon representative government itself ; and, if allowed to pass unchallenged, a dangerous stride towards centralization and the subversion of local self-government.

*Resolved*, That Massachusetts tenders to all the people

of Louisiana who are in favor of government of the people, by the people, and for the people, her profound sympathy, and pledges to her oppressed compatriots in Louisiana her cordial coöperation in all constitutional and peaceful ways in behalf of a cause as dear to the hearts of all lovers of civil liberty as that to which our fathers pledged their lives, their fortunes, and their sacred honor.

*Resolved*, That His Excellency the Governor be requested to transmit a copy of these resolutions to the President of the United States, and to each of our Senators and Representatives in Congress.

An invitation of the town of Lexington to the Legislature to be present at their centennial anniversary, April 19, 1875, was referred, in concurrence, to the committee on Federal Relations.

*Ordered*, In concurrence, that so much of the Governor's address as relates to amendment of the Constitution be referred to a joint special committee, to consist of the committees on the Judiciary of the Senate and House.

Constitutional  
amendments.

### *Special Assignment.*

At half-past two o'clock, Mr. Codman of Boston called for the special assignment, being the election, on the part of the House, of an executive councillor for the First District, *vice* Hon. Alfred Macy, deceased.

Councillor elec-  
tion.

On motion of Mr. Hill of Boston, a committee consisting of Messrs. Hill of Boston, Goodspeed of Barnstable, Hatheway of Fall River, Hillman of Chilmark, Phinney of Plymouth, and Barker of New Bedford, were appointed to receive, count and return the ballots.

Mr. Hill, from the committee, afterwards reported as follows :—

Whole number of votes,	.	.	.	217
Necessary for a choice,	.	.	.	109
Joseph K. Baker of Dennis,	.	.	.	78
S. B. Phinney of Barnstable,	.	.	.	66
John Morissey of Plymouth,	.	.	.	26
George O. Fairbanks of Fall River,	.	.	.	17
R. T. Davis of Fall River,	.	.	.	15
Warren Ladd of New Bedford,	.	.	.	12
John M. Kinney of Wareham,	.	.	.	3

And there was no choice.



The House proceeded to a second ballot, with the following result:—

Whole number of votes,	.	.	.	220
Necessary for a choice,	.	.	.	111
John I. Baker of Orleans,	.	.	.	1
John M. Kinney of Wareham,	.	.	.	2
Warren Ladd of New Bedford,	.	.	.	5
George O. Fairbanks of Fall River,	.	.	.	6
Robert T. Davis of Fall River,	.	.	.	6
John Morissey of Plymouth,	.	.	.	12
S. B. Phinney of Barnstable,	.	.	.	68
Joseph K. Baker of Dennis,	.	.	.	120

And Joseph K. Baker of Dennis was declared elected on the part of the House.

Mr. Hill of Boston was charged with a message to the Senate, informing that branch of the election of Mr. Baker.

Subsequently, a message was received from the Senate, announcing the election of the same gentleman to the same office on the part of that branch.

#### Louisiana.

The joint resolutions concerning the acts of the army of the United States in the State of Louisiana, laid over from yesterday, were considered. On motion of Mr. King of Boston, they were referred to the committee on Federal Relations, by a vote of 118 to 60, and sent up for concurrence.

#### Reports.

#### South Boston Flats.

Mr. Phillips of Salem, from the special committee appointed by the last Legislature to consider the expediency of using the Commonwealth's Flats at South Boston as terminal grounds for railroads, presented a report, which was laid on the table and ordered to be printed.

#### Insurance laws.

A report was received from the Insurance Commissioner, in accordance with chapter 87, Acts of 1874, giving a codification of the general laws of the Commonwealth relating to insurance and insurance companies.

Referred to the committee on Insurance, and sent up for concurrence.

Adjourned at 3.55.

THURSDAY, January 14, 1875.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer was offered by the Chaplain.

*Petitions Presented.*

By Mr. Goss of Melrose, petition of the selectmen of Melrose. Melrose, asking for legislation to enable the State to pay a claim of said town for rent of armory.

By Mr. Trull of Tewksbury, petition of Maria Gragg Maria Gragg. for state aid.

By Mr. Haven of Framingham, petition of John Mc- John McGrath. Grath for aid on account of injuries received while in the employ of the State.

By Mr. Noble of Westfield, petition of R. B. Robinson R. B. Robinson. for refunding of taxes paid upon premiums.

Severally referred to committee on Claims.

By Mr. Codman of Boston, petition of the Arkwright Arkwright Ins. Mutual Fire Insurance Company, for permission to keep Co. a reserve. Referred to the committee on Insurance.

By Mr. Bosworth of Taunton, petition of E. B. Towne Taunton River. of Raynham, and 141 others, concerning fishing in Taunton Great River. Referred to committee on the Fisheries.

By Mr. May of Lee, petition of O. T. Stedman and Sandisfield. others, to be set off from the town of Sandisfield, and joined to the town of Monterey. Referred to the committee on Towns.

By Mr. Lawrence of Medford, petition of the Second Medford Congregational Soc. Congregational Society of Medford to be dissolved. Referred to committee on Parishes and Religious Societies.

A memorial of the National Board of Trade for certain railway legislation, was referred to the committee on Railways.

Memorials of the same board, for a law requiring Business firms, registry of names of persons or firms doing business, and etc. for a law providing for incorporation of persons desiring to do business, etc., were referred to the committee on Mercantile Affairs.

These papers were severally sent up for concurrence.

By Mr. Codman of Boston, petition of Edward B. Oliver and others, for a law to protect business titles as trademarks. Business titles. Referred to committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. Jones of Deerfield, petition of S. B. Slate of S. B. Slate—re-count.

Greenfield for recount of ballots in the Third Franklin Representative District.

M. F. Carr.

By Mr. Newhall of Lynn, petition of Moses F. Carr of Lynn, contesting the seat of Nathan M. Hawkes of the Seventeenth Essex Representative District.

Severally referred to the committee on Elections.

Auditor's and Secretary's expenses.

Communications were received from the Auditor, and from the Secretary of the Commonwealth, giving estimates of the expenses of their respective departments for 1875. Severally referred to the committee on Finance.

Auditor's report.

The annual report of the Auditor was received, laid upon the table and ordered printed.

### *Orders.*

On motion of Mr. Allen of Duxbury,—

Piers for certain bays.

*Ordered*, That the committee on Harbors be directed, according to their discretion, to collect and report to the Legislature information in regard to the expediency of recommending the government of the United States to substitute permanent piers instead of temporary buoys at the mouth of various harbors on Cape Cod, where the wide range of flats dangerous to navigation, prevents the proper "sighting" of headlands in foggy or stormy weather; also of the propriety of establishing break-water piers at the outlet of Cut River and the Gurnet Head, and permanent buoys on the northerly end of Brown's Island, so called, at the entrance of Plymouth, Duxbury and Kingston Bay.

On motion of Mr. Pierce of Milton,—

Prison Commissioners.

*Ordered*, That the joint committee on Prisons consider the expediency of making the Advisory Board of Women Overseers a part of the Board of Commissioners of Prisons.

On motion of Mr. Williams of Brookline,—

Slaughter-houses.

*Ordered*, That the committee on Mercantile Affairs inquire into the expediency of so amending chapter 167 of the Acts of the year 1871, entitled "An Act concerning slaughter-houses and noxious and offensive trades," that any party aggrieved by an order of the state board of health may have the right to appeal to a party for reversal or modification of such order.

Severally sent up for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. Kimball of Boston, under a suspension of the 21st joint rule,—

*Ordered*, That one thousand extra copies of the report of the Commission on Lunacy be printed, and that two hundred copies of the same be appropriated to the Commissioners.

Sent up for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. Pierce of Milton,—

*Ordered*, That the committee on the Judiciary consider the expediency of further legislation to prevent the disfranchisement of towns and cities of their votes for members of Congress and other officers, on account of the omissions of town and city officers to insert the names of officers in the warrants.

On motion of Mr. Hill of Boston,—

*Ordered*, That the hour of 2½ o'clock, on Tuesday next be assigned as the time for the election of a United States senator on the part of this branch.

*Papers from the Senate.*

*Ordered*, In concurrence, that the Secretary of the Commonwealth give notice to Hon. Joseph K. Baker that he has been elected a Councillor to advise the Governor in the executive part of the government during the current political year.

The following communication from Mr. O. F. Mitchell, accepting the office of Sergeant-at-Arms, was read :—

*Hon. George B. Loring, President of the Senate.*

SIR,—I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of a communication from the Clerks of the two branches of the Legislature, informing me that I have been elected Sergeant-at-Arms of the General Court.

Permit me to express my profound gratitude for the honor conferred upon me, and I hereby accept the office, and assure you that no effort shall be spared on my part to discharge its duties in such manner as shall meet your approval. Respectfully, your obedient servant,

(Signed) O. F. MITCHELL.

A bill to establish a state detective force, introduced on leave in the Senate, was read and referred in concurrence to the committee on the State Police.

**Education.**

*Ordered*, In concurrence, that the committee on Education be authorized to visit the several normal schools and schools for deaf-mutes.

**Public Charitable Institutions.**

*Ordered*, In concurrence, that the committee on Public Charitable Institutions be authorized to visit such institutions, at such times as they may deem expedient.

**Prisons.**

*Ordered*, In concurrence, that the committee on Prisons be authorized to visit the prisons, jails and houses of correction in the Commonwealth, at such times as they shall deem expedient.

The following order was referred in concurrence to the joint committee on Printing:—

**Hoosac Tunnel report.**

*Ordered*, That five hundred copies of the report of the corporators of the Boston, Hoosac Tunnel and Western Railroad, with the appendix and maps accompanying said report, be bound for the use of the Legislature.

**Hoosac Tunnel, etc.**

The memorial of Edward Hamilton relative to an amendment of the Constitution, prohibiting the sale, lease or transfer of the Hoosac Tunnel or Troy and Greenfield Railroad, was referred in non-concurrence to the committee on the Hoosac Tunnel Line of Railroads. Sent up for concurrence.

**Arlington Woollen Mills.**

The petition of the Arlington Woollen Mills for change of corporate name, was referred in concurrence to the committee on Mercantile Affairs.

At 2.35, the House  
Adjourned,

FRIDAY, January 15, 1875.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer was offered by the Chaplain.

*Petitions Presented.*

**Dedham Water Co.**

By Mr. Perkins of Boston, petition of Edward S. Rand, Jr., and others, for incorporation as the Dedham Water Company. Referred to committee on Water Supply and Drainage.

**Woman suffrage.**

By Mr. Baker of Beverly, memorial of Gilbert Haven and others in behalf of the American, New England and Massachusetts Woman Suffrage Associations, for an

amendment of the Constitution securing the right of suffrage to women. Referred to a joint special committee to be appointed, to consist of eight on the part of the House, with such as the Senate may join.

Severally sent up for concurrence.

By Mr. Woods of Boston, petition of Charles Hazeltine, of New Bedford, for restoration of the statuette Narcissus. Narcissus statuette.  
Referred to committee on the Judiciary.

Estimates of expenses of the State Industrial School for Girls for 1875, and of the State Treasurer's department for 1875, were received. Industrial School and Treasurer's estimates.

Severally referred to committee on Finance.

#### *Introduced on Leave.*

By Mr. Long of Hingham, a bill in relation to recording mortgages of personal property. Mortgages.

By Mr. Fuller of Boston, a bill concerning the recording of instruments affecting the title to real estate. Real estate titles.

Severally read and referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

#### *Papers from the Senate.*

The memorial of the National Board of Trade respecting railroad transportation, was referred in concurrence to the committee on Railroads. Railroad transportation.

The memorial of W. & F. Shanly concerning the Hoosac Tunnel, which had been referred by the House to the committee on the Hoosac Tunnel Line of Railroads came down, referred in non-concurrence to the committee on Claims. The House concurred in the reference. W. & F. Shanly.

#### *Orders.*

On motion of Mr. Bowker of Boston,—

*Ordered*, That the committee on Railways ascertain and report what contracts exist between the Boston and Albany Railroad Company and the Albany Bridge Company, what are the rates of tolls charged, what are the gross annual receipts of the Bridge Company, and what, if any, dividends have been declared since its construction; and that the committee have power to send for persons and papers. Boston and Albany R. R. and Albany Bridge Co.

On motion of Mr. Knox of Lawrence,—

*Ordered*, That the committee on the Judiciary inquire

Assistant district-attorney.

into the expediency of enacting a law allowing district-attorneys of certain counties to appoint an assistant.

Attachments.

On motion of Mr. Long of Hingham,—

*Ordered*, That whereas it is the evident intention of the bankrupt law of the United States that any attachment of property made four months prior to the commencement of proceedings in bankruptcy should operate as security to the attaching creditor, the Judiciary committee consider the propriety of such legislation as will enable the attaching creditor, whenever a bond is given to dissolve such an attachment, to proceed to judgment against the sureties on the bond.

On motion of Mr. Codman of Boston, under suspension of the 21st joint rule,—

Report of committee on county affairs.

*Ordered*, That 2,000 extra copies of the report of the committee on County Expenditures, ordered by the last House of Representatives to sit during the recess, be printed for the use of the Legislature; and such copies shall be distributed under the direction of the committee on Printing.

United States senator.

On motion of Mr. Codman of Boston,—

*Ordered*, That the two branches of the Legislature assemble in joint convention on Wednesday, the 20th day of January, inst., at noon, for the purpose of comparing the journals of the two houses, and performing all acts and things necessary and proper to be in joint convention performed in relation to the election of a person to represent the State in the Senate of the United States for the term of six years from the fourth of March next, in accordance with the provisions of the Act of Congress to regulate the times and manner of holding elections for senators in Congress.

Eastern Railroad.

On motion of Mr. Blaney of Peabody, a Bill concerning the Eastern Railroad Company was taken from the files of last year, referred to the committee on Railroads, and sent up for concurrence.

### *Reports of Committees.*

Milton.

By Mr. Codman of Boston, from the committee on the Judiciary, on an order, a Bill to include the town of Milton within the judicial district of the district court of East Norfolk. Read and ordered to a second reading.

By Mr. White of Williamstown, from the committee

on Education, on that portion of the Governor's address relating to art-education, a resolve assigning rooms for the State Normal Art School. State Normal Art School.

On motion of Mr. White, the rules were suspended, and the resolve took its several readings, was amended on its third reading, passed to be engrossed, and sent up for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. Bowker of Boston, it was voted that when the House adjourns it be to meet at 2 o'clock on Monday. Adjournment.

Subsequently, on motion of Mr. Kimball of Boston, the vote was reconsidered, and the original motion was lost.

At 3.15, adjourned.

SATURDAY, January 16, 1875.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer was offered by the Chaplain.

*Petitions Presented.*

By Mr. Peirce of New Bedford, petition of Priscilla Freeman of Vineyard Grove, Martha's Vineyard, for restoration of the right to fish in Tisbury Great Pond, and for compensation for the time during which she has been deprived of said right. Priscilla Freeman.

By Mr. Bright of Waltham, petition of the selectmen of Waltham for pay for armory furnished Company F, 5th Regiment M. V. M. Waltham.

Severally referred to committee on Claims, and sent up for concurrence.

By Mr. Hale of Boston, petition of Dennis G. Quirk for the seat as representative of the 1st Middlesex District now claimed by James A. McDonald. Referred to committee on Elections. Dennis G. Quirk.

*Papers from the Senate.*

Resolutions urging the United States Congress to adopt measures of legislation to restore law and order in certain of the United States, were referred in concurrence to the committee on Federal Relations. Restoration of law in certain States.

The petition of company commanders of the 9th Regiment, M. V. M., for the reimbursement of expenses Ninth Regiment.



incurred under general order of commander-in-chief during the muster of September, 1874, was referred in concurrence to the committee on Military Affairs.

Lexington centennial anniversary.

Report of the committee on Federal Relations, accepting an invitation for the Legislature to attend the centennial celebration at Lexington was accepted in concurrence.

### *Reconsidered.*

Boston and Albany Railroad.

On motion of Mr. Phillips of Salem, the vote whereby the House yesterday adopted the order that the committee on Railroads be directed to ascertain what contracts, etc., exist between the Boston and Albany Railroad Company and the Albany Bridge Company was reconsidered, and pending the recurring question on its adoption, it was, on motion of the same gentleman, laid on the table.

### *Order.*

United States senator.

On motion of Mr. Osgood of Salem,—

*Ordered*, That during the days on which a vote is taken for United States senator, no person except members and officers of the Legislature be admitted to the floor of the House until after the voting has taken place and the result been declared, nor, on the days when a joint convention is held, until the joint convention has been dissolved.

Sent up for concurrence.

### *Reports of Committees.*

Appropriation bill.

By Mr. Blaney of Peabody, from the committee on Finance, on an order authorizing the committee to report appropriation bills from time to time, a Bill making appropriations for the mileage and compensation of members of the Legislature, and for the compensation of the preacher of the election sermon, the chaplains, assistant clerks, doorkeepers, messengers and pages of the Senate and House of Representatives, and for other purposes.

Id.

By Mr. Cushing of Cambridge, from the same committee, on the same order, a Bill making appropriations for the maintenance of the government for the present year; also a Bill in addition to an Act making appropriations for the maintenance of the government for the present year.

Id.

These bills were severally read and ordered to a second reading.

*Orders of the Day.*

The Bill to include the town of Milton within the judicial district of the district court of East Norfolk, was read Orders of the day. and ordered to a third reading.

At 11.40, adjourned.

MONDAY, January 18, 1875.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer was offered by the Rev. Mr. Morris of Watertown.

*Petitions Presented.*

By Mr. Currier of Newburyport, petition of Jeremiah J. Long. Long for state aid. Referred to committee on Claims.

By Mr. Pierce of Malden, petition of J. R. Fillebrown Malden Bridge. and others of Everett, for leave to bridge Malden River in said town. Referred to committee on Roads and Bridges.

By Mr. Grose of Abington, petition of E. Sprague and Abington. 247 others, for division of the town of Abington. Referred to committee on Towns.

By Mr. Savage of Taunton, petition of S. N. Staples S. N. Staples—Taunton River fisheries. and 194 others, citizens of Bristol County, in relation to the repeal of the laws allowing towns and cities to sell fishing privileges on Taunton Great River. Referred to committee on the Fisheries.

Severally sent up for concurrence.

*Papers from the Senate.*

A Bill in addition to an Act concerning the manufacture Sale of liquors. and sale of intoxicating liquors, introduced on leave in the Senate, was referred in concurrence to the committee on the Liquor Law.

A report of the list of pardons granted during 1874, Pardons. to January 7, 1875, was referred in concurrence to the committee on Prisons.

*Introduced on Leave.*

By Mr. Peirce of New Bedford, a Bill regulating the Sale of liquors. sale of intoxicating liquors. Read and referred to committee on the Liquor Law. Sent up for concurrence.

*Orders.*

- Poor debtors.      On motion of Mr. Ropes of Boston,—  
*Ordered*, That the committee on the Judiciary consider the expediency of so amending section 10 of chapter 124 of the General Statutes as to compel the magistrates mentioned in said section to set forth in writing the obligations of the surety or sureties therein named, and require them to subscribe the same.
- Reading of bills, etc.      On motion of Mr. Hill of Boston,—  
*Ordered*, That all bills, resolves and other papers that have been, or under the rules are to be printed, shall be read by their titles only, unless the full reading is requested.
- Executors.      On motion of Mr. Hale of Boston,—  
*Ordered*, That the committee on Probate and Chancery consider the expediency of legislation with regard to the powers of executors, administrators, guardians and trustees appointed in other States or countries.
- Claims against the State.      On motion of Mr. Kimball of Boston,—  
*Ordered*, That the committee on Claims be instructed to request the attendance of the Attorney-General, or assistant Attorney-General, at all hearings upon claims against the Commonwealth, with a view to the protection of the treasury of the State.
- Sent up for concurrence.

*Laid on the Table.*

- Impounding reservoirs.      The report of the committee appointed by the Legislature of 1874 to sit during the recess, and report to this General Court on the supervision, construction and maintenance of impounding reservoirs was received, and on motion of Mr. Currier of Newburyport, was laid on the table and ordered printed.

*Orders of the Day.*

- Bills :  
 Orders of the day.      Making appropriations for the mileage and compensation of members of the Legislature, and for the compensation of the preacher of the election sermon, the chaplains, assistant clerks, doorkeepers, messengers and pages of the Senate and House of Representatives, and for other purposes ;

Making appropriations for the maintenance of the government for the present year; and

In addition to an Act making appropriations for the maintenance of the government for the present year,

Were severally read and ordered to a third reading.

The Bill to include the town of Milton within the judicial district of the district court of East Norfolk, was read, passed to be engrossed, and sent up for concurrence.

At 2.20, the House  
Adjourned.

TUESDAY, January 19, 1875.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer was offered by the Chaplain.

*Petitions Presented.*

By Mr. Hatheway of Fall River, petition of Abraham Taunton River  
Read and 167 others, for free fisheries in Taunton Great —fishing.  
River. Referred to committee on the Fisheries.

By Mr. Nutter of East Bridgewater, remonstrance of A. Hobart, Jr.—  
Aaron Hobart, Jr., and 76 others, citizens of East Bridge- E. Bridgewater.  
water, against a division of the town, as petitioned for by  
W. L. Reed and others. Referred to committee on  
Towns.

Severally sent up for concurrence.

*Paper from the Senate.*

The petition of S. C. Cobb, Samuel G. Adams and S. C. Cobb, et  
1,272 other citizens of Massachusetts in favor of an als.—inebriate  
inebriate asylum, was referred in concurrence to the com- asylum.  
mittee on Public Charitable Institutions.

*Orders.*

On motion of Mr. Hatheway of Fall River,—

*Ordered*, That the committee on the Judiciary be Sheriff of Bris-  
instructed to inquire whether or not it is expedient to tol County.  
increase the salary of the high sheriff of Bristol County,  
and if so, to what amount.

On motion of Mr. Hill of Boston,—

*Ordered*, That the committee on the Judiciary consider Horse thieves.  
and report if any further legislation is necessary, increas-

ing the penalty for stealing horses and carriages left standing in the streets, and afterwards abandoning them.

Hoosac Tunnel  
corporators.

The report of the corporators of the Boston, Hoosac Tunnel and Western Railroad was received, and referred to the committee on the Hoosac Tunnel Line of Railroads. Sent up for concurrence.

Registration  
report.

The Thirty-Second Report relating to the registry and return of births, marriages and deaths in the Commonwealth was received, and referred to the committee on the Library.

Sent up for concurrence.

### *Orders of the Day.*

Orders of the  
day.

The Bill making appropriations for the mileage and compensation of members of the Legislature, and for the compensation of the preacher of the election sermon, the chaplains, assistant clerks, doorkeepers, messengers and pages of the Senate and House of Representatives, and for other purposes, was read, passed to be engrossed, and sent up for concurrence.

J. K. Baker—  
Councillor.

The Bill in addition to an Act making appropriations for the maintenance of the government for the present year, was read. An amendment was offered by Mr. Bowker of Boston, pending consideration of which a message was received from the Senate, proposing a joint convention forthwith for the purpose of qualifying Joseph K. Baker of Dennis, Councillor-elect from the First District.

The House concurred in the proposition, and Mr. Tompkins was charged with a message to the Senate to that effect.

On motion of Mr. Hale of Boston, the orders of the day were laid on the table.

Subsequently, the Senate came in, and its President took the Chair.

On motion of Mr. Stone, senator from the Cape District,—

*Ordered*, That a committee be appointed to wait upon the Hon. Joseph K. Baker, Councillor-elect from the First Councillor District, and inform him that the two branches of the Legislature are now in convention for the purpose of administering the oaths of office.

Messrs. Stone and White of the Senate, and Messrs.

Goodspeed of Barnstable, Phinney of Plymouth and Peirce of New Bedford, of the House, were appointed the committee.

Mr. Stone, of the committee, afterwards reported that they had attended to that duty.

Subsequently, Mr. Baker appeared, and the oaths and affirmations required by the Constitution were administered to him by the President, and subscribed by him, and having been duly qualified, and proclamation made accordingly, he withdrew, and the Convention was dissolved.

### *Special Assignment.*

Mr. King of Boston then called for the special assignment, being the election, on the part of the House, of a United States senator. The roll was called, and the following-named members voted for HENRY L. DAWES :—

**Messrs.** James Abbe,  
Ebenezer Adams,  
Michael Atkinson,  
John J. Babson,  
Daniel D. Bailey,  
Cyrus F. Baker,  
Joseph H. Baker,  
George Beal,  
John H. Bell,  
William H. Bent,  
John Best,  
John C. Bickford,  
Frederick L. Bosworth,  
Sylvester W. Bowen,  
Horace L. Bowker,  
Selwyn Z. Bowman,  
Wilbur F. Brigham,  
Harrison Closson,  
A. B. Coffin,  
Augustine P. Cook,  
Lowell Coolidge,  
Francis C. Curtis,  
Epes Davis,  
George W. Dyer,  
Edwin Ellis,  
John B. Fairbanks,  
Luther Fisk,  
Charles L. Gardner,  
Emerson Geer,  
Levi L. Goodspeed,  
Elbridge H. Goss,

**Messrs.** Dexter Grose,  
Charles Hale,  
Solomon E. Hallett,  
David E. Harding,  
Nathan M. Hawkes,  
E. Everett Holbrook,  
Frederick G. Howes,  
Henry L. James,  
George W. Jones,  
Isaac N. Keith,  
Edward Kendall,  
Moses Kimball,  
William S. King,  
Joel Knapp,  
William S. Knox,  
Pliny T. Litchfield,  
William B. Merrill,  
Henry S. Miner,  
Joseph Mitchell, 2d,  
F. G. Morris,  
W. Stanley Newhall,  
George L. Newton,  
Edward W. Noble,  
Charles S. Osgood,  
Harrison D. Packard,  
Joseph F. Paul,  
Chas. H. Pew, 2d,  
Stephen C. Phinney,  
James Pierce,  
Alanson B. Pomeroy,  
John H. Potter,

Messrs. Isaac Pratt, Jr.,  
Willard Putnam,  
George W. Reed,  
Thomas Rich,  
Joshua C. Robinson,  
Cyrus K. Russell,  
John E. Sanford,  
Cyrus Savage,  
John M. Seeley,  
Isaiah A. Small,  
George D. Smalley,

Messrs. Lafayette Stevens,  
Isaac Stone,  
Byron Truell,  
Albert J. Trull,  
Artemas S. Tyler,  
George M. Warren,  
Austin C. Wellington,  
Joseph White,  
John H. Woodbury,  
John H. Woodbury,  
Boston.  
Beverly.

Total, 83.

The following-named members voted for JOSIAH G. ABBOTT :—

Messrs. Samuel Allen,  
Andrew Athy,  
Amasa W. Bailey,  
James Bergin,  
John H. Blake,  
Osgood Bradley, Jr.,  
Samuel R. Brintnall,  
James H. Carleton,  
Michael Carney,  
Wm. Carroll,  
Patrick Collins,  
Austin H. Connell,  
F. S. Coolidge,  
J. W. Coveney,  
William D. Curtis,  
Levi L. Cushing, Jr.,  
Jacob W. Davis,  
Neil Doherty,  
C. W. Duggan,  
James E. Estabrook,  
Thomas F. Fitz Gerald,  
Samuel Flower,  
John D. Flynn,  
Albert W. Gaskill,  
Wm. W. Gaylord,  
Edward E. Gibbs,  
Charles H. Greene,  
Daniel G. Green,  
George Hall,  
Nicholas Hatheway,  
James E. Hill,  
Wm. A. Hodges,  
M. M. Hovey,

Messrs. Wm. B. Howard,  
Francis M. Hughes,  
S. A. Jacobs,  
Thomas Johnson,  
Philo Keith,  
William Keith,  
George P. Kingsley,  
Daniel W. Lawrence,  
John B. Le Baron,  
George T. Lincoln,  
James L. Locke,  
James T. Mahony,  
John B. Martin,  
Edward S. May,  
James A. McDonald,  
Clement Meserve,  
Southard H. Miller,  
John T. Morse,  
Reuben Noble,  
Thomas F. Plunkett,  
Richard Pope,  
Edward B. Rankin,  
Albert E. Rice,  
J. C. Richmond,  
John Sanborn,  
Edward Sanderson,  
Charles B. Sanford,  
Nathaniel Seaver,  
Charles L. Shaw,  
Albert Smith,  
E. F. Smith,  
E. A. Spaulding,  
Daniel J. Sweeney,

Messrs. Leonard A. Thayer,	Messrs. E. Crosby Willard,
Dexter A. Tompkins,	William Winn,
Cranmore N. Wallace,	Walter Wyman.
Felix G. Whitney,	
Total, 73.	

The following-named members voted for E. ROCKWOOD

HOAR :—

Messrs. Stephen F. Blaney,	Messrs. John J. McNutt,
Wm. E. Blunt,	Frederick P. Moseley,
Reuben Boynton,	Daniel Noonan,
Wm. E. Bright,	Isaac N. Nutter,
Charles M. Brown,	Wm. E. Perkins,
Joseph Buckminster,	Willard P. Phillips,
Isaac T. Burr,	Edward L. Pierce,
William Chase,	Wm. W. Rice,
Gardner A. Churchill,	John L. Robinson,
Charles R. Codman,	Wallace F. Robinson,
Lewis Day,	Charles A. Rogers,
Joseph Fobes,	Nathaniel J. Rust,
William Frost,	John S. Ryder,
Benjamin Gifford,	John Savery,
Gayton M. Hall,	Ebenezer Sawyer,
George Haven,	Abraham H. Smith,
George Heywood,	John L. Smith,
Samuel R. Heywood,	Richard H. Stearns,
Beriah T. Hillman,	Isaac Stebbins,
Amos B. Holden,	John C. Stimpson,
Edward J. Johnson,	Wm. A. Thompson,
Ziba C. Keith,	George H. Torrey,
Benj. F. Leighton,	Enoch H. Towne,
Daniel J. Lewis,	Wilbur F. Whitney,
John D. Long,	Nathan M. Wood,
Samuel May,	William Woods.
Total, 52.	

The following-named members voted for CHARLES

FRANCIS ADAMS :—

Messrs. Stephen M. Allen,	Messrs. Thomas T. Griggs,
Giles G. Barker,	Moses B. Heywood,
Wm. E. Bridgman,	Henry T. Holmes,
A. M. Copeland,	William Martin,
Henry Dennis, Jr.,	Chas. M. Peirce, Jr.,
James W. Dwyer,	Joseph S. Ropes,
Alpheus Fobes,	Chas. R. Tucker, Jr.
Total, 14.	

Messrs. Benj. F. Davis, James W. Gaylord and Joseph W. Hill voted for ALEXANDER H. BULLOCK.



Messrs. John I. Baker and Daniel P. Hopkinson voted for WENDELL PHILLIPS.

Messrs. John A. Cummings and Ben. C. Currier voted for CHARLES DEVENS, Jr.

Mr. Henry W. Fuller, voted for WILLIAM GASTON.

The Speaker thereupon announced that no person had received a majority of the votes cast, and that there was no election on the part of the House.

On motion of Mr. Fairbanks of Natick, the House proceeded to another vote.

The followin-gnamed members voted for HENRY L. DAWES :—

Messrs. James Abbe,

Ebenezer Adams,  
Michael Atkinson,  
John J. Babson,  
Daniel D. Bailey,  
Cyrus F. Baker,  
Joseph H. Baker,  
George Beal,  
John H. Bell,  
Wm. H. Bent,  
John Best,  
John C. Bickford,  
Frederick L. Bosworth,  
Sylvester W. Bowen,  
Horace L. Bowker,  
Selwyn Z. Bowman,  
Wilbur F. Brigham,  
Harrison Closson,  
A. B. Coffin,  
Augustine P. Cook,  
Lowell Coolidge,  
Francis C. Curtis,  
Epes Davis,  
George W. Dyer,  
Edwin Ellis,  
John B. Fairbanks,  
Luther Fisk,  
Joseph Fobes,  
Chas. L. Gardner,  
Emerson Geer,  
Benj. Gifford,  
Levi L. Goodspeed,

Messrs. Elbridge H. Goss,

Dexter Grose,  
Charles Hale,  
Solomon E. Hallett,  
David E. Harding,  
Nathan M. Hawkes,  
Joseph W. Hill,  
Beriah T. Hillman,  
E. Everett Holbrook,  
Frederick G. Howes,  
Henry L. James,  
George W. Jones,  
Isaac N. Keith,  
Ziba C. Keith,  
Edward Kendall,  
Moses Kimball,  
Wm. S. King,  
Joel Knapp,  
Wm. S. Knox,  
Daniel J. Lewis,  
Pliny T. Litchfield,  
Wm. B. Merrill,  
Henry S. Miner,  
Joseph Mitchell, 2d,  
F. G. Morris,  
Frederick P. Moseley,  
W. Stanley Newhall,  
George L. Newton,  
Edward W. Noble,  
Charles S. Osgood,  
Harrison D. Packard,  
Joseph F. Paul,

Messrs. Chas. H. Pew, 2d,  
Stephen C. Phinney,  
James Pierce,  
Alanson B. Pomeroy,  
John H. Potter,  
Isaac Pratt, Jr.,  
Willard Putnam,  
George W. Reed,  
Thomas Rich,  
Joshua C. Robinson,  
John L. Robinson,  
Cyrus K. Russell,  
John S. Ryder,  
John E. Sanford,  
Cyrus Savage,

Messrs. John M. Seeley,  
Isaiah A. Small,  
George D. Smalley,  
Lafayette Stephens,  
Isaac Stone,  
Byron Truell,  
Albert J. Trull,  
Artemas S. Tyler,  
George M. Warren,  
Aug. C. Wellington,  
Joseph White,  
John H. Woodbury,  
John H. Woodbury,  
Wm. Woods.

Boston.

Beverly.

Total, 93.

The following-named members voted for JOSIAH G. ABBOTT :—

Messrs. Samuel Allen,  
Andrew Athy,  
Amasa W. Bailey,  
James Bergin,  
John H. Blake,  
Osgood Bradley, Jr.,  
Samuel R. Brintnall,  
James H. Carleton,  
Michael Carney,  
William Carroll,  
Patrick Collins,  
Anstin H. Connell,  
F. S. Coolidge,  
J. W. Coveney,  
Wm. D. Curtis,  
Levi L. Cushing, Jr.,  
Jacob W. Davis,  
Neil Doherty,  
C. W. Duggan,  
James E. Estabrook,  
Thomas F. Fitz Gerald,  
John D. Flynn,  
Albert W. Gaskill,  
Wm. M. Gaylord,  
Edward E. Gibbs,  
Charles H. Greene,  
Daniel G. Green,  
George Hall,  
Nicholas Hatheway,  
James E. Hill,

Messrs. Wm. A. Hodges,  
M. M. Hovey,  
Wm. B. Howard,  
Francis M. Hughes,  
S. A. Jacobs,  
Thomas Johnson,  
Philo Keith,  
William Keith,  
George P. Kingsley,  
Daniel W. Lawrence,  
George T. Lincoln,  
James L. Locke,  
James T. Mahony,  
John B. Martin,  
Edward S. May,  
James A. McDonald,  
Clement Meserve,  
Southard H. Miller,  
John T. Morse,  
Reuben Noble,  
Thomas F. Plunkett,  
Richard Pope,  
Edward B. Rankin,  
Albert E. Rice,  
J. C. Richmond,  
John Sanborn,  
Edward Sanderson,  
Charles B. Sanford,  
Nathaniel Seaver,  
Charles L. Shaw,

Messrs. Albert Smith,  
E. F. Smith,  
E. A. Spaulding,  
Daniel J. Sweeney,  
Leonard A. Thayer,  
Dexter A. Tompkins,

Messrs. Cranmore N. Wallace,  
Felix G. Whitney,  
E. Crosby Willard,  
William Winn,  
Walter Wyman.

Total, 71.

The following-named members voted for E. ROCKWOOD  
HOAR :—

Messrs. Stephen F. Blaney,  
Wm. E. Blunt,  
Reuben Boynton,  
Wm. E. Bright,  
Charles M. Brown,  
Joseph Buckminster,  
Isaac T. Burr,  
William Chase,  
Gardner A. Churchill,  
Charles R. Codman,  
Lewis Day,  
William Frost,  
Gayton M. Hall,  
George Haven,  
George Heywood,  
Samuel R. Heywood,  
Amos B. Holden,  
Edward J. Johnson,  
Benj. F. Leighton,  
John D. Long,  
Samuel May,  
John J. McNutt,

Messrs. Daniel Noonan,  
Isaac N. Nutter,  
Wm. E. Perkins,  
Willard P. Phillips,  
Edward L. Pierce,  
Wm. W. Rice,  
Wallace F. Robinson,  
Charles A. Rogers,  
Nathaniel J. Rust,  
John Savery,  
Ebenezer Sawyer,  
Abraham H. Smith,  
John L. Smith,  
Richard H. Stearns,  
Isaac Stebbins,  
John C. Stimpson,  
Wm. A. Thompson,  
Geo. H. Torrey,  
Enoch H. Towne,  
Wilbur F. Whitney,  
Nathan M. Wood.

Total, 43.

The following-named members voted for CHARLES  
FRANCIS ADAMS :—

Messrs. Stephen M. Allen,  
Giles G. Barker,  
Wm. E. Bridgman,  
A. M. Copeland,  
Henry Dennis, Jr.,  
James W. Dwyer,  
Samuel Flower,  
Alpheus Fobes,

Messrs. Thos. T. Griggs,  
Moses B. Heywood,  
Henry T. Holmes,  
John B. Le Baron,  
William Martin,  
Chas. M. Peirce, Jr.,  
Joseph S. Ropes,  
Chas. R. Tucker, Jr.

Total, 16.

Messrs. John A. Cummings and Ben. C. Currier voted  
for CHARLES DEVENS, Jr.

Messrs. Benj. F. Davis and James W. Gaylord voted for ALEXANDER H. BULLOCK.

Messrs. John I. Baker and Daniel P. Hopkinson voted for WENDELL PHILLIPS.

Mr. Henry W. Fuller voted for WILLIAM GASTON.

Whereupon the Speaker announced that no person had received a majority of the votes cast, and that there was no election on the part of the House.

Mr. King of Boston moved that the House proceed to another vote.

Mr. Codman of Boston moved that the House adjourn.

Mr. Pierce of Malden called for the yeas and nays on the question of adjournment. The motion prevailed, the roll was called, and the motion to adjourn was carried by a vote of 130 to 94.

The yeas and nays were as follows :—

YEAS.

Messrs. Ebenezer Adams,  
Samuel Allen,  
Andrew Athy,  
Michael Atkinson,  
Amasa W. Bailey,  
Daniel D. Bailey,  
John H. Blake,  
Wm. E. Blunt,  
Reuben Boynton,  
Osgood Bradley, Jr.,  
Wm. E. Bridgman,  
Wm. E. Bright,  
Samuel R. Brintnall,  
Charles M. Brown,  
James H. Carleton,  
Michael Carney,  
William Carroll,  
Charles R. Codman,  
Patrick Collins,  
Austin H. Connell,  
F. S. Coolidge,  
A. M. Copeland,  
J. W. Coveney,  
Ben. C. Currier,  
Wm. D. Curtis,

Messrs. Levi L. Cushing, Jr.,  
Benj. F. Davis,  
Jacob W. Davis,  
Lewis Day,  
Neil Doherty,  
C. W. Duggan,  
James W. Dwyer,  
James E. Estabrook,  
Thomas F. Fitz Gerald,  
Samuel Flower,  
John D. Flynn,  
William Frost,  
Henry W. Fuller,  
Albert W. Gaskill,  
James W. Gaylord,  
William M. Gaylord,  
Edward E. Gibbs,  
Elbridge H. Goss,  
Charles H. Greene,  
Daniel G. Green,  
Thomas T. Griggs,  
Gayton M. Hall,  
George Hall,  
Nicholas Hatheway,  
George Haven,

**Messrs.** George Heywood,  
 Moses B. Heywood,  
 Samuel R. Heywood,  
 James E. Hill,  
 William A. Hodges,  
 Henry T. Holmes,  
 Daniel P. Hopkinson,  
 M. M. Hovey,  
 Wm. B. Howard,  
 Francis M. Hughes,  
 S. A. Jacobs,  
 Edward J. Johnson,  
 Thomas Johnson,  
 George W. Jones,  
 Philo Keith,  
 Moses Kimball,  
 George P. Kingsley,  
 Wm. S. Knox,  
 John B. Le Baron,  
 Benj. F. Leighton,  
 George T. Lincoln,  
 James L. Locke,  
 John D. Long,  
 James T. Mahony,  
 John B. Martin,  
 William Martin,  
 Edward S. May,  
 Samuel May,  
 John J. McNutt,  
 Wm. B. Merrill,  
 Clement Meserve,  
 Southard H. Miller,  
 Joseph Mitchell, 2d,  
 John T. Morse,  
 Frederick P. Moseley,  
 Reuben Noble,  
 Daniel Noonan,  
 Isaac N. Nutter,  
 Joseph F. Paul,  
 Wm. E. Perkins,

**Messrs.** Willard P. Phillips,  
 Stephen C. Phinney,  
 Edward L. Pierce,  
 Thomas F. Plunkett,  
 Richard Pope,  
 Edward B. Rankin,  
 Albert E. Rice,  
 William W. Rice,  
 Thomas Rich,  
 Wallace F. Robinson,  
 Charles A. Rogers,  
 Joseph S. Ropes,  
 Nath'l J. Rust,  
 John S. Ryder,  
 John Sanborn,  
 Edward Sanderson,  
 Chas. B. Sanford,  
 Nathaniel Seaver,  
 Charles L. Shaw,  
 Abraham H. Smith,  
 Albert Smith,  
 E. F. Smith,  
 John L. Smith,  
 E. A. Spaulding,  
 Richard H. Stearns,  
 John C. Stimpson,  
 Dan'l J. Sweeney,  
 Leonard A. Thayer,  
 Wm. A. Thompson,  
 Dexter A. Tompkins,  
 George H. Torrey,  
 Enoch H. Towne,  
 Chas. R. Tucker, Jr.,  
 Cranmore N. Wallace,  
 Felix G. Whitney,  
 E. Crosby Willard,  
 William Winn,  
 Nathan M. Wood,  
 John H. Woodbury,  
 Walter Wyman. <sup>Boston,</sup>

#### NAYS.

**Messrs.** James Abbe,  
 Stephen M. Allen,  
 John J. Babson,  
 Cyrus F. Baker,  
 John I. Baker,  
 Joseph H. Baker,  
 Giles G. Barker,  
 George Beal,

**Messrs.** John H. Bell,  
 Wm. H. Bent,  
 James Bergin,  
 John Best,  
 John C. Bickford,  
 Stephen F. Blaney,  
 Frederick L. Bosworth,  
 Sylvester W. Bowen,

Messrs. Horace L. Bowker,  
 Wilbur F. Brigham,  
 Joseph Buckminster,  
 Isaac T. Burr,  
 William Chase,  
 Gardner A. Churchill,  
 Harrison Closson,  
 A. B. Coffin,  
 Augustine P. Cook,  
 Lowell Coolidge,  
 John A. Cummings,  
 Francis C. Curtis,  
 Epes Davis,  
 Henry Dennis, Jr.,  
 George W. Dyer,  
 Edwin Ellis,  
 John B. Fairbanks,  
 Luther Fisk,  
 Alpheus Fobes,  
 Joseph Fobes,  
 Charles L. Gardner,  
 Emerson Geer,  
 Benjamin Gifford,  
 Levi L. Goodspeed,  
 Dexter Grose,  
 Charles Hale,  
 Solomon E. Hallett,  
 David E. Harding,  
 Nathan M. Hawkes,  
 Joseph W. Hill,  
 Beriah T. Hillman,  
 E. Everett Holbrook,  
 Amos B. Holden,  
 Fred'k G. Howes,  
 Henry L. James,  
 Isaac N. Keith,  
 William Keith,  
 Ziba C. Keith,  
 Edward Kendall,

Messrs. Wm. S. King,  
 Joel Knapp,  
 Daniel W. Lawrence,  
 Daniel J. Lewis,  
 Pliny T. Litchfield,  
 Henry S. Miner,  
 F. G. Morris,  
 W. Stanley Newhall,  
 George L. Newton,  
 Edward W. Noble,  
 Charles S. Osgood,  
 Harrison D. Packard,  
 Chas. H. Pew, 2d,  
 James Pierce,  
 Alanson B. Pomeroy,  
 John H. Potter,  
 Isaac Pratt, Jr.,  
 Willard Putnam,  
 George W. Reed,  
 J. C. Richmond,  
 John L. Robinson,  
 Cyrus K. Russell,  
 Cyrus Savage,  
 Ebenezer Sawyer,  
 John M. Seeley,  
 Isaiah A. Small,  
 George D. Smalley,  
 Isaac Stebbins,  
 Lafayette Stevens,  
 Isaac Stone,  
 Byron Truell,  
 Albert J. Trull,  
 Artemas S. Tyler,  
 George M. Warren,  
 Austin C. Wellington,  
 Joseph White,  
 Wilbur F. Whitney,  
 John H. Woodbury,  
 William Woods.

Yeas, 180 ; nays, 94.

Adjourned.

WEDNESDAY, January 20, 1875.

The two branches met at 12 o'clock, m., in

*Convention,*

pursuant to assignment, and in accordance with a law of the United States, for the purpose of comparing the rec-

ords of the two Houses in the matter of election of a Senator in the Congress of the United States for the term of six years, and the journals of the two Houses having been read, it appeared that no election had been made by either House ; and

Thereupon, the President announced that, in conformity with a law of the United States, it was the duty of the two branches to proceed to a vote for Senator in the Congress of the United States for the term of six years ; and the roll being called, the members present voted as follows, to wit :—

For HENRY L. DAWES, of Pittsfield :—

Messrs. James Abbe,  
Michael Atkinson,  
Moses O. Ayers,  
John J. Babson,  
Daniel D. Bailey,  
Cyrus F. Baker,  
Joseph H. Baker,  
George Beal,  
J. White Belcher,  
John H. Bell,  
William H. Bent,  
John Best,  
John C. Bickford,  
Frederick L. Bosworth,  
Sylvester W. Bowen,  
Horace L. Bowker,  
Selwyn Z. Bowman,  
Wilbur F. Brigham,  
Richard Britton,  
Joseph Buckminster,  
Isaac T. Burr,  
Isaiah Churchill,  
Andrew J. Clark,  
Harrison Closson,  
A. B. Coffin,  
Augustine P. Cook,  
Lowell Coolidge,  
Francis C. Curtis,  
George L. Davis,  
Epes Davis,  
Henry Dennis, Jr.,  
George W. Dyer,  
Edwin Ellis,  
John B. Fairbanks,  
Luther Fisk,

Messrs. Charles Fitz,  
Joseph Fobes,  
H. W. Fuller,  
Charles L. Gardner,  
Emerson Geer,  
Benjamin Gifford,  
Levi L. Goodspeed,  
Elbridge H. Goss,  
Dexter Grose,  
Charles Hale,  
Solomon E. Hallett,  
David E. Harding,  
Nathan M. Hawkes,  
Joseph W. Hill,  
Beriah T. Hillman,  
E. Everett Holbrook,  
Amos B. Holden,  
Ezra C. Howard,  
Frederick G. Howes,  
E. A. Hunt,  
Henry S. Hyde,  
Henry L. James,  
George W. Jones,  
Isaac N. Keith,  
Ziba C. Keith,  
Edward Kendall,  
Moses Kimball,  
William S. King,  
Joel Knapp,  
William S. Knox,  
Jonathan A. Lane,  
Benj. F. Leighton,  
Daniel J. Lewis,  
Pliny T. Litchfield,  
George B. Loring,

Messrs. Joseph T. Massey,  
Wm. B. Merrill,  
Henry S. Miner,  
Joseph Mitchell, 2d,  
F. G. Morris,  
W. Stanley Newhall,  
George L. Newton,  
Edward W. Noble,  
Lysander J. Orcutt,  
Charles S. Osgood,  
Albert Palmer,  
Joseph F. Paul,  
Chas. H. Pew, 2d,  
Stephen C. Phinney,  
James Pierce,  
A. B. Pomeroy,  
John H. Potter,  
Isaac Pratt, Jr.,  
Willard Putnam,  
George W. Reed,  
Thomas Rich,  
Henry W. Robinson,  
Joshua C. Robinson,  
John L. Robinson,  
Wallace F. Robinson,  
Cyrus K. Russell,  
John S. Ryder,

Messrs. John E. Sanford,  
Cyrus Savage,  
Ebenezer Sawyer,  
John M. Seeley,  
Isaiah A. Small,  
George D. Smalley,  
Francis D. Stedman,  
Lafayette Stevens,  
John C. Stimpson,  
Thomas N. Stone,  
Isaac Stone,  
Wm. A. Thompson,  
George H. Torrey,  
Byron Truell,  
Albert J. Trull,  
Artemas S. Tyler,  
Zenas C. Wardwell,  
George M. Warren,  
Austin C. Wellington,  
Tisdale S. White,  
Joseph White,  
Ezra D. Winslow,  
Nathan M. Wood,  
John H. Woodbury,  
John H. Woodbury,  
Beverly.

Total, 123.

FOR JOSIAH G. ABBOTT of Boston :—

Messrs. Samuel Allen,  
Andrew Athy,  
Amasa W. Bailey,  
T. D. Beach,  
James Bergin,  
John H. Blake,  
Osgood Bradley, Jr.,  
Wm. E. Bridgman,  
Samuel R. Brintnall,  
James H. Carleton,  
Michael Carney,  
William Carroll,  
Patrick Collins,  
Austin H. Connell,  
F. S. Coolidge,  
William D. Curtis,  
Levi L. Cushing, Jr.,  
Timothy J. Dacey,  
Jacob W. Davis,

Messrs. Neil Doherty,  
C. W. Duggan,  
James E. Estabrook,  
Thomas F. Fitz Gerald,  
M. J. Flatley,  
John D. Flynn,  
Albert Gaskill,  
Jeremiah Gatchell,  
Wm. M. Gaylord,  
Edward E. Gibbs,  
Daniel G. Green,  
Charles H. Greene,  
George Hall,  
Nicholas Hatheway,  
James E. Hill,  
William A. Hodges,  
Henry T. Holmes,  
M. M. Hovey,  
Wm. B. Howard,



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<b>Messrs.</b> Francis M. Hughes,	<b>Messrs.</b> Edward B. Rankin,
Thomas Ingalls,	Albert E. Rice,
S. A. Jacobs,	J. C. Richmond,
Thomas Johnson,	Christopher E. Rymes,
Jonathan Jones,	John Sanborn,
Philo Keith,	Edward Sanderson,
William Keith,	Charles B. Sanford,
George P. Kingsley,	Nathaniel Seaver,
Daniel W. Lawrence,	Charles L. Shaw,
John B. Le Baron,	Albert Smith,
George T. Lincoln,	E. F. Smith,
Wm. E. Livingston,	C. H. B. Snow,
James L. Locke,	E. A. Spaulding,
James T. Mahony, <sup>1</sup>	Daniel J. Sweeney,
John B. Martin,	Leonard A. Thayer,
Edward S. May,	Hugh J. Toland,
Southard H. Miller,	Dexter A. Tompkins,
James A. McDonald,	Washington Tufts,
Clement Meserve,	George F. Verry,
John T. Morse,	Cranmore M. Wallace,
Reuben Noble,	Felix G. Whitney,
Ezra Parmenter,	Henry M. Wilcox,
Wm. H. Phillips,	E. Crosby Willard,
Thos. F. Plunkett,	William Winn,
Richard Pope,	Walter Wyman.
Total, 88.	

The following-named members voted for CHAS. DEVENS, Jr., of Worcester :—

<b>Messrs.</b> Stephen F. Blaney,	<b>Messrs.</b> Samuel May,
Wm. E. Blunt,	John J. McNutt,
Wm. E. Bright,	Frederick P. Moseley,
Gardner A. Churchill,	Daniel Noonan,
Charles R. Codman,	William E. Perkins,
J. W. Coveney,	Willard P. Phillips,
John A. Cummings,	Edward L. Pierce,
Lewis Day,	William W. Rice,
Eustace C. Fitz,	Charles A. Rogers,
William Frost,	Nathaniel J. Rust,
George Haven,	John Savery,
John A. Hawes,	Henry Smith,
George Heywood,	Richard H. Stearns,
Samuel R. Heywood,	Isaac Stebbins.
William Martin,	
Total, 29.	

For CHARLES FRANCIS ADAMS of Quincy :—

<b>Messrs.</b> Stephen M. Allen,	<b>Messrs.</b> A. M. Copeland,
Giles G. Barker,	James W. Dwyer,

Messrs. Francis Edson,  
Samuel Flower,  
Alpheus Fobes,  
Henry Fuller,  
James W. Gaylord,

Messrs. Thos. T. Griggs,  
Moses B. Heywood,  
Edward J. Johnson,  
Chas. R. Tucker, Jr.

Total, 18.

For E. ROCKWOOD HOAR of Concord :—

Messrs. Reuben Boynton,  
Charles M. Brown,  
William Chase,  
Gayton M. Hall,  
Joseph A. Harwood,  
John D. Long,

Messrs. Isaac N. Nutter,  
Abraham H. Smith,  
John L. Smith,  
Enoch H. Towne,  
Wilbur F. Whitney.

Total, 11.

Messrs. John I. Baker and Daniel P. Hopkinson voted  
for WENDELL PHILLIPS of Boston.

Mr. Benj. F. Davis voted for ALEXANDER H. BULLOCK  
of Worcester.

Mr. Robert R. Wiley voted for NATHANIEL P. BANKS of  
Waltham.

And there was no choice.

Mr. Smith of the Senate moved that the Convention  
proceed to a second vote.

Mr. Toland moved that the Convention adjourn, and Yeas and nays.  
the vote on this motion was taken by yeas and nays, and  
was determined in the negative, 101 yeas to 158 nays.

So the Convention refused to adjourn.

The question was then put on a motion to proceed to a  
second vote, and decided in the affirmative, and the Con-  
vention proceeded to a second vote, as follows :—

For HENRY L. DAWES of Pittsfield :—

Messrs. James Abbe,  
Stephen M. Allen,  
Michael Atkinson,  
Moses O. Ayers,  
John J. Babson,  
Daniel D. Bailey,  
Cyrus F. Baker,  
John I. Baker,  
Joseph H. Baker,

Messrs. George Beal,  
J. White Belcher,  
John H. Bell,  
William H. Bent,  
John Best,  
John C. Bickford,  
Frederick L. Bosworth,  
Sylvester W. Bowen,  
Horace L. Bowker,

Messrs. Selwyn Z. Bowman,  
Wilbur F. Brigham,  
William E. Bright,  
Richard Britton,  
Joseph Buckminster,  
Isaac T. Burr,  
William Chase,  
Gardner A. Churchill,  
Isaiah Churchill,  
Andrew J. Clark,  
Harrison Closson,  
A. B. Coffin,  
Augustine P. Cook,  
Lowell Coolidge,  
John A. Cummings,  
Ben. C. Currier,  
Francis C. Curtis,  
George L. Davis,  
Epes Davis,  
Henry Dennis, Jr.,  
George W. Dyer,  
Edwin Ellis,  
John B. Fairbanks,  
Luther Fisk,  
Charles Fitz,  
Joseph Fobes,  
H. W. Fuller,  
Charles L. Gardner,  
Emerson Geer,  
Benjamin Gifford,  
Levi L. Goodspeed,  
Elbridge H. Goss,  
Dexter Grose,  
Charles Hale,  
Solomon E. Hallett,  
David E. Harding,  
Joseph A. Harwood,  
George Haven,  
Nathan M. Hawkes,  
Joseph W. Hill,  
Beriah T. Hillman,  
E. Everett Holbrook,  
Amos B. Holden,  
Daniel P. Hopkinson,  
Ezra C. Howard,  
Frederick G. Howes,  
E. A. Hunt,  
Henry S. Hyde,  
Henry L. James,  
George W. Jones,

Messrs. Isaac N. Keith,  
Ziba C. Keith,  
Edward Kendall,  
Moses Kimball,  
William S. King,  
Joel Knapp,  
William S. Knox,  
Jonathan A. Lane,  
Benj. F. Leighton,  
Daniel J. Lewis,  
Pliny T. Litchfield,  
George B. Loring,  
Joseph T. Massey,  
John J. McNutt,  
Wm. B. Merrill,  
Henry S. Miner,  
Joseph Mitchell, 2d,  
F. G. Morris,  
W. Stanley Newhall,  
George L. Newton,  
Edward W. Noble,  
Isaac N. Nutter,  
Lysander J. Orcutt,  
Charles S. Osgood,  
Albert Palmer,  
Joseph F. Paul,  
Chas. H. Pew, 2d,  
Stephen C. Phinney,  
James Pierce,  
A. B. Pomeroy,  
John H. Potter,  
Isaac Pratt, Jr.,  
Willard Putnam,  
George W. Reed,  
Thomas Rich,  
Henry W. Robinson,  
Joshua C. Robinson,  
John L. Robinson,  
Wallace F. Robinson,  
Cyrus K. Russell,  
John S. Ryder,  
John E. Sanford,  
Cyrus Savage,  
John Savery,  
Ebenezer Sawyer,  
John M. Seeley,  
Isaiah A. Small,  
George D. Smalley,  
Henry Smith,  
Richard H. Stearns,

Messrs. Isaac Stebbins,  
Francis D. Stedman,  
Lafayette Stevens,  
John C. Stimpson,  
Thomas N. Stone,  
Isaac Stone,  
Wm. A. Thompson,  
George H. Torrey,  
Byron Truell,  
Albert J. Trull,  
Artemas S. Tyler,  
Zenas C. Wardwell,

Messrs. George M. Warren,  
Austin C. Wellington,  
Tisdale S. White,  
Joseph White,  
Wilbur F. Whitney,  
Ezra D. Winslow,  
Nathan M. Wood,  
John H. Woodbury,  
John H. Woodbury,  
William Woods.

Total, 140.

FOR CHARLES FRANCIS ADAMS of Quincy:—

Messrs. Samuel Allen,  
Andrew Athy,  
Amasa W. Bailey,  
Giles G. Barker,  
T. D. Beach,  
James Bergin,  
Osgood Bradley, Jr.,  
Wm. E. Bridgman,  
Samuel R. Brintnall,  
James H. Carleton,  
Michael Carney,  
William Carroll,  
Charles R. Codman,  
Patrick Collins,  
Austin H. Connell,  
F. S. Coolidge,  
A. M. Copeland,  
Wm. D. Curtis,  
Levi L. Cushing, Jr.,  
Timothy J. Dacey,  
Benj. F. Davis,  
Jacob W. Davis,  
Neil Doherty,  
C. W. Duggan,  
James N. Dwyer,  
Francis Edson,  
James E. Estabrook,  
Thomas F. Fitz Gerald,  
M. J. Flatley,  
Samuel Flower,  
Alpheus Fobes,  
Henry Fuller,  
Albert W. Gaskill,  
James W. Gaylord,  
Wm. M. Gaylord,

Messrs. Edward E. Gibbs,  
Daniel G. Green,  
Charles H. Greene,  
Thomas T. Griggs,  
George Hall,  
Nicholas Hatheway,  
Moses B. Heywood,  
James E. Hill,  
Wm. A. Hodges,  
Henry T. Holmes,  
M. M. Hovey,  
Wm. B. Howard,  
Francis M. Hughes,  
Thomas Ingalls,  
S. A. Jacobs,  
Edward J. Johnson,  
Thomas Johnson,  
Jonathan Jones,  
Philo Keith,  
William Keith,  
George P. Kingsley,  
John B. Le Baron,  
George T. Lincoln,  
Wm. E. Livingston,  
James L. Locke,  
James T. Mahony,  
John B. Martin,  
William Martin,  
Edward S. May,  
James A. McDonald,  
Clement Meserve,  
Southard H. Miller,  
John T. Morse,  
Reuben Noble,  
Daniel Noonan,

Messrs. William E. Perkins,	Messrs. E. F. Smith,
William H. Phillips,	C. H. B. Snow,
Thomas F. Plunkett,	E. A. Spaulding,
Richard Pope,	Daniel J. Sweeney,
Edward B. Rankin,	Leonard A. Thayer,
Albert E. Rice,	Dexter A. Tompkins,
Joseph S. Ropes,	Chas. R. Tucker, Jr.,
Nathaniel J. Rust,	Washington Tufts,
Christopher E. Rymes,	Cranmore N. Wallace,
John Sanborn,	Felix G. Whitney,
Edward Sanderson,	Henry M. Wilcox,
Nathaniel Seaver,	William Winn,
Charles L. Shaw,	Walter Wyman.
Albert Smith,	

Total, 97.

For CHARLES DEVENS, Jr., of Worcester :—

Messrs. Stephen F. Blaney,	Messrs. Samuel R. Heywood,
William E. Blunt,	Samuel May,
J. W. Coveney,	Frederick P. Moseley,
Lewis Day,	Willard P. Phillips,
Eustace C. Fitz,	Edward L. Pierce,
William Frost,	William W. Rice,
George Heywood,	Charles A. Rogers.

Total, 14.

For JOSIAH G. ABBOTT of Boston :—

Messrs. John H. Blake,	Messrs. J. C. Richmond,
John D. Flynn,	Charles B. Sanford,
Jeremiah Gatchell,	Hugh J. Toland,
Daniel W. Lawrence,	George F. Verry,
Ezra Parmenter,	E. Crosby Willard.

Total, 10.

For E. ROCKWOOD HOAR of Concord :—

Messrs. Reuben Boynton,	Messrs. Abraham H. Smith,
Charles M. Brown,	John L. Smith,
Gayton M. Hall,	Enoch H. Towne,
John A. Hawes,	Moses Williams, Jr.
John D. Long,	

Total, 9.

Mr. Ebenezer Adams voted for HENRY L. PIERCE of Boston.

Mr. Robert R. Wiley voted for NATHANIEL P. BANKS of Waltham.

Thereupon, the President announced that the Convention had made choice of the Hon. Henry L. Dawes of Pittsfield as senator in the Congress of the United States for the term of six years from the fourth day of March next.

The Convention was then dissolved, and the Senate returned to its chamber.

Immediately after the joint convention had been dissolved, the House was called to order.

Prayer was offered by the Chaplain.

On motion of Mr. Hale of Boston,—

*Ordered*, That the Clerks of the two branches notify His Excellency the Governor that Henry L. Dawes of Pittsfield has been duly elected by the Legislature a senator in the Congress of the United States for the term of six years from the fourth day of March next.

U. S. senator—  
Mr. Dawes notified.

Sent up for concurrence.

A communication was received from His Excellency the Governor, transmitting the annual report of the Prison Commissioners; which was referred to the committee on Prisons, and ordered to be printed.

Prison Commissioners.

Also, the annual report of the Adjutant-General; which was referred to the committee on Military Affairs.

Adjutant-General's Report.

Severally sent up for concurrence.

At 2.20, adjourned.

THURSDAY, January 21, 1875.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer was offered by the Chaplain.

*Petitions Presented.*

By Mr. Morris of Watertown, petition of George K. Snow and others, a committee in behalf of the town of Watertown, for an Act to take water from the Charles River or Kendall's Pond. Referred to committee on Water Supply and Drainage.

Geo. K. Snow,  
et als.—  
Watertown.

By Mr. Heywood of Worcester, petition of Sumner Pratt and others, to be incorporated as the Worcester Board of Trade in the city of Worcester.

Sumner Pratt,  
et als.—  
Worcester  
Board of Trade.

Henry Wheat-  
land—Salem  
Fraternity.

By Mr. Phillips of Salem, petition of Henry Wheatland and others, for an Act incorporating the Salem Fraternity.

Severally referred to the committee on Mercantile Affairs.

Northampton  
Loan and Trust  
Co.

By Mr. Stearns of Boston, petition of H. G. Knight for a change of name and location of the Northampton Loan and Trust Company. Referred to committee on Banks and Banking.

C. Hovey.

By Mr. Tyler of Lowell, petition of Charles Hovey for the reimbursement of money overpaid to the Insurance Commissioner. Referred to the committee on Claims.

Worcester  
Lunatic Asy-  
lum.

By Mr. Kimball of Boston, petition of trustees of Worcester Lunatic Asylum, for an appropriation towards the erection of the new hospital. Referred to committee on Public Charitable Institutions.

Salem Marine  
Ins. Co.

By Mr. Osgood of Salem, petition of the Salem Marine Insurance Company for extension of its charter.

I. G. White—  
Guarantee Ins.  
Co.

By Mr. Kimball of Boston, petition of I. Gardner White, Emory Washburn and others, to be incorporated as a guarantee insurance company.

Severally referred to committee on Insurance.

Severally sent up for concurrence.

Boston.

By Mr. Morse of Boston, petitions of Samuel C. Cobb, mayor of Boston, for the passage of an Act to authorize the payment of certain bills to the city of Boston; relating to raising and grading certain streets in said city; and for an Act authorizing said city to regulate the introduction and use of water-pipes, etc.

Warwick.

By Mr. Putnam of New Salem, petition of the town of Warwick, to legalize certain town records in relation to the school district system.

Severally referred to committee on the Judiciary.

### *Introduced on Leave.*

Reviews of  
judgments.

By Mr. Long of Hingham, Bill to amend section 19, chapter 146 of the General Statutes, concerning reviews of final judgments in civil actions. Referred to committee on the Judiciary.

Census.

By Mr. Kimball of Boston, Resolve to provide compensation for obtaining the census and industrial statistics of the Commonwealth for the year 1875. Referred to committee on Finance.

*Papers from the Senate.*

The remonstrance of Edward S. Rand, Jr., against the petition of the city of Boston and the town of Natick for leave to divert the waters of Pegan Brook into Charles River, referred to the committee on Harbors by the Senate, was, on motion of Mr. Kimball of Boston, laid on the table.

The petition of Allen H. Ingalls and 188 others, that the shad and alewife fisheries in Taunton Great River may be made free, was referred in concurrence to the committee on Fisheries.

*Ordered*, In concurrence, that the Railroad Commissioners be requested to ascertain and report to this Legislature, as soon as practicable, whether the Boston and Albany Railroad is now (and has for years been) engaged in transporting grain, flour and provisions from the West to East Boston for European consumption at one dollar per ton less freight than the people of Massachusetts are now (and have been) required to pay the same railroad for the transportation of like grain, flour and provisions from the same western places to Pittsfield, Springfield, Worcester, Boston, and all other stations on the line of said railroad, when said food is (and has been) consumed by our own inhabitants.

*Ordered*, In concurrence, that the Clerks of the two branches give notice to His Excellency the Governor that the Hon. Joseph K. Baker of Dennis has been duly elected and qualified as Councillor to advise him in the Executive Council for the current political year.

*Orders.*

On motion of Mr. Noble of Westfield,—

*Ordered*, That the committee on Manufactures inquire into the expediency of repealing so much of chapter 224, section 59, Acts of 1870, as relates to the payment of fees to the Secretary of State for making annual returns of corporations.

Sent up for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. Long of Hingham,—

*Ordered*, That the committee on the Judiciary inquire into the expediency of repealing chapter 404 of the Acts of 1874, relating to parties to promissory notes, or of so modifying the same that it shall not apply to sureties or guarantors.



On motion of Mr. Pierce of Milton,—  
*Testimony of experts.* *Ordered*, That the committee on the Judiciary consider the expediency of legislation regulating the testimony of experts in civil and criminal trials.

On motion of Mr. Fuller of Boston,—  
*Actions of tort.* *Ordered*, That the committee on the Judiciary be requested to consider the expediency of amending section 22, chapter 44 of the General Statutes, so as to require parties who claim to have received bodily injury, or damage to their property, through a defect or want of repair in or upon any highway or bridge, and who intend to bring an action of tort to recover the amount of damage sustained thereby, to give notice of their intention to the party or parties against whom the action is to be brought within a limited time after the injury or damage has been received; and that failure or neglect to give such notice shall bar any action.

Mr. Miner of Phillipston offered the following order, which, on motion of Mr. Codman of Boston, was laid on the table:—

*Assessment laws.* *Ordered*, That the committee on the Judiciary consider the expediency of so amending the assessment laws, that the personal property of the State shall be made to bear its just and equal share of taxation, and, that this end be secured, the mortgages on real estate be assessed to the owner of such mortgage, and that the amount be deducted from the assessment of the holder of the real estate upon which said mortgage is a lien.

### *Reports.*

*County expenditures.* The report of the committee on County Expenditures, appointed by the last Legislature, was received and referred to the joint special committee on Constitutional Amendment.

Sent up for concurrence.

*Omissions in election warrants.* Mr. Codman of Boston, from the committee on the Judiciary, reported inexpedient to legislate on the order relative to further legislation to prevent the disfranchisement of cities and towns of their votes for members of Congress, and other officers, on account of the omissions of town and city officers to insert the names of offices in warrants.

The same gentleman, from the same committee, re-

ported leave to withdraw on the petition of Charles Haz- Statuette Nar-  
eltine, for the restoration of the statuette Narcissus. cissus.

Severally read and placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

*Orders of the Day.*

The Bill in addition to an Act making appropriations for the maintenance of the government for the present year, was further considered. The amendment proposed by Mr. Bowker of Boston, to strike out the provisions of the bill relating to the Bureau of Statistics of Labor, was rejected. An amendment offered by Mr. Kimball of Boston was adopted, and the bill, as amended, was passed to be engrossed and sent up for concurrence. Orders of the day.

The Bill making appropriations for the maintenance of the government for the present year, was read, passed to be engrossed and sent up for concurrence.

At 2.58, the House  
Adjourned.

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FRIDAY, January 22, 1875.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer was offered by the Chaplain.

*Petitions Presented.*

By Mr. Burr of Newton, petition of Albert A. Pope and others, for change of boundary line between Boston and Newton. Referred to committee on Towns. Boston and Newton.

By Mr. Boynton of Westborough, petition of members of the First Baptist Church in Westborough, for authority to mortgage the meeting-house of said church. Referred to committee on Parishes and Religious Societies. Baptist church, Westborough.

By Mr. Whitney of Attleborough, petition of William M. Fisher and others, for a savings bank at Attleborough. Referred to committee on Banks and Banking. Attleborough—savings bank.

By Mr. Phillips of Salem, petition of George C. Hodgdon, Inspector-General of Leather, for amendment of section 4, chapter 236, Acts of 1866, in relation to inspection of leather. Referred to committee on Mercantile Affairs. Leather inspection.

On motion of Mr. Burr of Newton, the petition of

Boston and  
Newton.

Josiah Gilmore and others, for change of boundary between Boston and Newton, was taken from the files of last year. Referred to committee on Towns.

Alms-house.

A communication was received from the inspectors and superintendent of the state alms-house at Tewksbury, asking for an appropriation for special purposes for said institution. Referred to committee on Public Charitable Institutions.

These papers were severally sent up for concurrence.

E. Bridgewater  
—judicial dis-  
trict.

By Mr. Nutter of East Bridgewater, petition of Asa Millett and others of East Bridgewater, that said town may be included in judicial district with the towns of Brockton, Bridgewater and West Bridgewater.

Fall River.

By Mr. Hatheway of Fall River, petition of the city of Fall River, for leave to fund \$400,000 of its floating debt, and for payment of its new buildings and other permanent improvements.

Severally referred to committee on the Judiciary.

Wills.

A communication was received from the Secretary of State, transmitting an abstract of wills proved and letters of administration granted in the probate courts of the several counties in the State for the five years ending September 30, 1874. Referred to committee on Probate and Chancery.

Polls, etc.

Also, the aggregates of polls, property, taxes, etc., as assessed May 1, 1874. Referred to committee on Finance.

Woman suf-  
frage.

The Speaker appointed the following-named gentlemen members, on the part of the House, on the joint special committee on Woman Suffrage:—

Messrs. Baker of Beverly, May of Leicester, Hawkes of Lynn, Smith of Andover, Coolidge of Westminster, Newton of Weymouth, Truell of Lawrence, Gibbs of Russell.

Sent up to be joined.

### *Papers from the Senate.*

Mutual insur-  
ance companies.

*Ordered*, In concurrence, that the committee on Insurance be directed to inquire what further legislation, if any, is necessary, as to permitting mutual fire insurance companies chartered by other States to transact business in this Commonwealth.

Papers were referred in concurrence as follows :—

Petition of Charles H. Ferson, mayor of the city of Chelsea—grade.  
Chelsea, for the passage of a law authorizing the city council of said city to establish a grade on certain marsh lands, etc., to the committee on Water Supply and Drainage.

Petition of John F. Augustus and others, for legislation Prisons.  
concerning prisons and prisoners, to the committee on Prisons.

Petition of the Grand Division of Sons of Temperance Sons of Tem-  
for more effective execution of law, to the committee on perance—State  
State Police. Police.

*Introduced on Leave.*

By Mr. Reed of Abington, Bill to change the name of Abington Sav-  
the East Abington Savings Bank. Referred to committee ings Bank.  
on Banks and Banking.

By the same gentleman, Bill to change the name of the Abington—  
Third Parish in Abington. Referred to committee on Third Parish.  
Parishes and Religious Societies.

Severally sent up for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. Kimball of Boston, the remonstrance Pegan Brook.  
of Edward S. Rand, Jr., against the petition of the city of Boston and the town of Natick, for leave to divert the waters of Pegan Brook into Charles River, was taken from the table. The House non-concurred in the Senate reference to the committee on Harbors, and referred it to the committee on Water Supply and Drainage.

Sent up for concurrence.

*Order.*

On motion of Mr. Bowker of Boston,—

Ordered, That the committee on the Labor Question Labor Bureau.  
consider the expediency of abolishing the Bureau of Statistics of Labor.

Sent up for concurrence.

*Reports of Committees.*

Mr. Knox of Lawrence, from the committee on the Ju- Sureties.  
diciary, reported inexpedient to legislate on the order as to the expediency of so amending chapter 124 of the General Statutes as to compel the magistrate mentioned in said section to set forth in writing the obligations of the surety or sureties therein named, and require them to sub-

scribe the same. Read and placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

Census.

Mr. Cushing of Cambridge, from the committee on Finance, reported the Resolve to provide compensation for obtaining the census and industrial statistics of the Commonwealth for the year 1875, in a new draft.

Hingham Ins. Co.

Mr. Pope of Boston, from the committee on Insurance, on a petition, reported a Bill to extend the charter of the Hingham Mutual Fire Insurance Company.

Severally read and ordered to a second reading.

### *Orders of the Day.*

Orders of the day.

Reports of committee on the Judiciary :

Inexpedient to legislate on the order relative to further legislation to prevent the disfranchisement of cities and towns of their votes for members of Congress, and other officers, on account of the omissions of town and city officers to insert the names of offices in warrants ; and

Leave to withdraw on the petition of Charles Hazeltine, for the restoration of the statuette Narcissus ;

Were severally accepted.

At 2.22, the House  
Adjourned.

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SATURDAY, January 23, 1875.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer was offered by the Chaplain.

Woman suffrage.

On motion of Mr. May of Leicester, the papers relating to woman suffrage were taken from the files of last year, and referred to the committee on Woman Suffrage.

Sent up for concurrence.

### *Papers from the Senate.*

Arlington Woollen Mills.

A Bill to change the name of the Arlington Woollen Mills, passed to be engrossed by the Senate, was read. On motion of Mr. Hawkes of Lynn, the rules were suspended, the bill took its several readings, and was passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

Taunton River fisheries.

Papers were referred in concurrence as follows :

Petitions of Giles L. Leach and 92 others of Beverly ; Guilford Hathaway and 44 others of Freetown ; and C.

A. Davis and 185 others of Somerset, severally in aid of petition of Allen H. Ingalls and others, to the committee on the Fisheries.

Petition of the mayor of Boston and the selectmen of Medford and Woburn, to provide a system of sewerage of said towns, and for conveying away impurities from Mystic Pond; and

Petition of the mayor of Boston and the selectmen of Natick to construct a sewer for the purpose of diverting the waters of Pegan Brook, to the committee on Water Supply and Drainage.

### Orders.

Mr. White of Williamstown offered the following order, which was referred, under the rules, to the committee on Printing :—

*Ordered*, That five hundred additional copies of the Appendix to the report of the Board of Education on a scientific survey of the Commonwealth be printed for the use of members. Scientific survey.

On motion of Mr. Noonan of Boston,—

*Ordered*, That the Auditor be requested to report to the House the amount expended for printing and binding during the past year, giving in detail the amount ordered by each department, and, as far as practicable, an enumeration of the character of the work, the number of copies of the various kinds, and the number bound of each. State binding and printing.

On motion of Mr. Churchill of Boston,—

*Ordered*, That the joint committee on Public Charitable Institutions consider and report whether any legislation is expedient for the purpose of giving a nautical education and training to some portion of the juvenile offenders in the Commonwealth, by establishing a special institution therefor, or by some other provision. Nautical education for juvenile offenders.

On motion of Mr. Kimball of Boston,—

*Ordered*, That the committee on Insurance consider the expediency of providing, by a general law, for extending, without limit of time, the charters of all insurance companies chartered for a term of years. Insurance charters.

Severally sent up for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. Coffin of Winchester,—

*Ordered*, That the committee on Elections be authorized to send for persons, papers and ballots in all cases of Contested elections.

controverted elections referred to them, and to open, inspect or recount such ballots.

On motion of Mr. Long of Hingham,—

Liens.

*Ordered*, That the committee on the Judiciary inquire into the expediency of so amending the law relating to liens under section 5, chapter 150 of the General Statutes, as to dispense with the recording of the items of the account due the person claiming the lien.

Arlington  
Woollen Mills.

An engrossed Bill to change the name of the Arlington Woollen Mills (which originated in the Senate), was passed to be enacted, signed and sent to the Senate.

Normal Art-  
School.

An engrossed Resolve, assigning additional rooms for the State Normal Art-School (which originated in the House of Representatives), was passed, signed and sent to the Senate.

#### *Report of a Committee.*

James  
McManus.

Mr. Coffin of Winchester, from the committee on Elections, reported leave to withdraw on the petition of James McManus, democratic candidate for representative from the Thirteenth Middlesex District, for a recount of the ballots cast at the election, November 3, 1874, for representative from said district. Read and placed in the orders of the day for Monday.

#### *Orders of the Day.*

Orders of the  
day.

The report of the committee on the Judiciary (inexpedient to legislate) on the order as to the expediency of so amending chapter 124 of the General Statutes as to compel the magistrate mentioned in said section to set forth in writing the obligation of the surety or sureties there named, and require them to subscribe the same, was accepted.

The Bill to extend the charter of the Hingham Mutual Fire Insurance Company, was read and ordered to a third reading.

The Resolve to provide compensation for obtaining the census and industrial statistics of the Commonwealth for the year 1875, was read. Pending the question of ordering it to a third reading, on motion of Mr. Hale of Boston, it was laid on the table.

At 12.05 o'clock, the House  
Adjourned.

MONDAY, January 25, 1875.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer was offered by the Chaplain.

*Petitions Presented.*

By Mr. Heywood of Worcester, petition of selectmen of Lancaster for amendment of the railroad laws relative to trial by jury of questions of fact. Referred to the committee on Railroads. Railroad laws.

By Mr. Pierce of Malden, remonstrance of the town of Everett, against the petition of J. R. Fillebrown for the bridging of Malden River, etc. Referred to the committee on Roads and Bridges. Malden bridge.

By Mr. Atkinson of Newburyport, petition of Joseph J. M. White. M. White for state aid. J. M. White.

By the same gentleman, petition of Eliza J. Coffin for state aid. E. J. Coffin.

Severally referred to the committee on Claims.

By Mr. Burr of Newton, petition of Cornelius Walker and others for a change of boundary between Watertown and Newton. Watertown and Newton.

By Mr. Wilcox of Sandisfield, petition of George F. Butler and 37 others of Sandisfield, withdrawing their names from a petition for the division of the town of Sandisfield, and remonstrating against the same. Sandisfield.

By the same gentleman, remonstrance of John H. Whitney and 66 others of Sandisfield, against the division of said town. ib.

Severally referred to the committee on Towns.

Severally sent up for concurrence.

*Introduced on Leave.*

By Mr. Fuller of Boston, Bill regulating the sale of spirituous or intoxicating liquors. Liquor bills.

By Mr. Stone of Northampton, Bill to regulate the sale of intoxicating liquors, to prevent the evils arising from such sale, and to repeal all laws contravening the provisions of this Act.

Severally referred to the committee on the Liquor Law, and ordered printed.



*Laid on the Table.*

Treasurer's report.

The Treasurer and Receiver-General's report for 1874 was received. On motion of Mr. Kimball of Boston, it was laid upon the table and ordered printed.

*Paper from the Senate.*

Louisiana.

A message from the Governor, transmitting a copy of resolutions of the Assembly of Virginia, in relation to the late conduct of the United States officials in Louisiana, was referred in concurrence to the committee on Federal Relations.

*Orders.*

Middlesex and Metropolitan Railroads.

On motion of Mr. Hill of Lowell,—

*Ordered*, That the committee on Street Railways consider the expediency of legislation relative to commutation tickets on the Middlesex and Metropolitan Railroads.

Militia staff officers.

On motion of Mr. Rice of Worcester,—

*Ordered*, That the committee on Military Affairs inquire into the expediency of amending chapter 320, Acts of 1874, concerning the compensation of staff officers in the militia.

State securities.

On motion of Mr. Kimball of Boston,—

*Ordered*, That the joint committee on Expenditures be instructed to examine the condition of the securities in the charge of the Treasurer and Receiver-General, and report upon the same.

Severally sent up for concurrence.

Milage.

On motion of Mr. Fitz Gerald of Boston,—

*Ordered*, That the committee on the Pay Roll make up the mileage of members of the House.

Lawrence probate court.

On motion of Mr. Knox of Lawrence,—

*Ordered*, That the committee on Probate and Chancery consider the expediency of changing the time of holding the probate court at Lawrence.

Prize candy.

On motion of Mr. Perkins of Boston,—

*Ordered*, That the committee on the Judiciary consider and report whether further legislation is necessary to prevent that form of gambling or lottery known as candy-selling.

*Taken from the Table.*

Impounding reservoirs.

The report of the joint special committee on the supervision, construction and maintenance of impounding res-

ervoirs, was taken from the table, on motion of Mr. Kimball of Boston, and referred to the committee on Water Supply and Drainage.

Sent up for concurrence.

*Reports of Committees.*

Mr. Rice of Worcester, from the committee on the Judiciary, reported inexpedient to legislate on the order as to the expediency of enacting a law to promote economy in finances of towns. Town finances.

The same gentleman, from the same committee, reported inexpedient to legislate on the order as to the expediency of further legislation to facilitate the proof of papers and documents in judicial proceedings. Judicial papers.

Mr. Rankin of Boston, from the committee on Printing, reported that the order relative to printing five hundred additional copies of the Appendix to the report of the Board of Education on the scientific survey of the Commonwealth, ought to be adopted. Scientific survey.

Severally read and placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

Mr. White of Williamstown, from the committee on Education, on so much of the Governor's address as relates to education, reported a Resolve to provide for the payment from the treasury of certain educational expenses. Read and referred under the rule to the committee on Finance. Educational expenses.

Mr. Codman of Boston, from the committee on the Judiciary, on the petition of William A. Garbett and others, reported a Bill to amend chapter 286 of the Acts of 1870, entitled "An Act to provide for the establishment of the true meridian lines, and for regulating the practice of surveying in this State." Surveyors' compasses.

Mr. Knox of Lawrence, from the same committee, reported the Bill (on leave), in relation to recording mortgages of personal property, in a new draft. Mortgages.

Severally read and ordered to a second reading.

*Orders of the Day.*

The report of the committee on Elections, leave to withdraw on the petition of James McManus, democratic candidate for representative from the Thirteenth Middlesex District, for a recount of the ballots cast at the elec- Orders of the day.

tion, November 3, 1874, for representative from said district, was accepted.

The Bill to extend the charter of the Hingham Mutual Fire Insurance Company, was read, passed to be engrossed, and sent up for concurrence.

Adjourned at 2.30.

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TUESDAY, January 26, 1875.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer was offered by the Chaplain.

*Petitions Presented.*

John Haft.

By Mr. Hillman of Chilmark, petition of John Haft for state aid. Referred to the committee on Claims.

J. B. Lamper,  
et als.—Eastern  
Railroad.

By Mr. Hawkes of Lynn, petition of Joseph B. Lamper and others, that the Eastern Railroad may be authorized to construct a track through Pleasant Street, Lynn, to Lamper's Wharf, in said Lynn. Referred to the committee on Railroads.

Eye and Ear  
Infirmary.

By Mr. Phillips of Salem, petition of J. Wiley Edmands, for a grant of \$7,500 towards the expense of the Massachusetts Charitable Eye and Ear Infirmary. Referred to the committee on Public Charitable Institutions.

J. Vaughn, et  
als.—Abington.

By Mr. Curtis of Marlborough, petition of Joseph Vaughn and 316 others of Abington, for the division of said town. Referred to the committee on Towns.

Brewster.

By Mr. Smalley of Harwich, petition of selectmen of the town of Brewster, for the better protection of its shell-fisheries. Referred to the committee on Fisheries.

Severally sent up for concurrence.

*Laid on the Table.*

Printing and  
binding.

In compliance with an order of the House, a communication was received from the Auditor, giving a statement of the expense of binding and printing for the several state departments for the last year.

On motion of Mr. Noonan of Boston, it was laid upon the table and ordered to be printed.

*Order.*

Mr. Brigham of Hudson offered the following order, which was referred, under the rule, to the committee on Printing :—

*Ordered*, That two thousand additional copies of the report of the committee on County Expenditures be printed for the use of members of the House. County expenditures.

*Introduced on Leave.*

By Mr. Codman of Boston, Bill concerning the grand jury for the county of Suffolk. Read and referred to the committee on the Judiciary. Grand jury of Suffolk.

*Taken from the Table.*

On motion of Mr. Bowker of Boston, the order directing the committee on Railroads to ascertain what contracts, etc., exist between the Boston and Albany Railroad Company and the Albany Bridge Company. After debate, the order was adopted. Boston and Albany Railroad.

Sent up for concurrence.

*Reports of Committees.*

Mr. Pierce of Milton, from the committee on the Judiciary, on an order, reported a Bill relating to assistance for district-attorneys in certain districts, and amending section 1 of chapter 278 of the Acts of 1873. Read and ordered to a second reading. District-attorneys.

Mr. Rice of Worcester, from the same committee, reported inexpedient to legislate on the order as to the expediency of repealing chapter 404, Acts of 1874, relating to parties to promissory notes, or of so modifying the same that it shall not apply to sureties or guarantors. Read and placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow. Promissory notes.

*Orders of the Day.**Reports :*

Of committee on the Judiciary :

Expedient to legislate on the order as to the expediency of enacting a law to promote economy in finances of towns ; and

Inexpedient to legislate on the order as to the expediency of legislation to facilitate the proof of papers and documents in judicial proceedings ; and

*Orders of the day.*

Of the committee on Printing, that the order relative to printing five hundred additional copies of the Appendix to the Report of the Board of Education on the scientific survey of the Commonwealth, ought to be adopted ;

Were severally accepted, and the last-named order was adopted.

**Bills :**

In relation to recording mortgages of personal property ;

To amend chapter 286 of the Acts of 1870, entitled "An Act to provide for the establishment of the true meridian lines, and for regulating the practice of surveying in this State" ;

Were severally read and ordered to a third reading.

At 3.08, the House

Adjourned.

WEDNESDAY, January 27, 1875.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer was offered by the Chaplain.

*Petitions Presented.*

Cambridge—  
Clematis and  
Beaver brooks.

By Mr. Wellington of Cambridge, petition of city of Cambridge, for authority to take water from Clematis and Beaver Brooks in Waltham. Referred to the committee on Water Supply and Drainage.

Watertown.

By Mr. Morris of Watertown, remonstrance of the town of Watertown, against the petition of Cornelius Walker and others, for a change of the boundary line between Watertown and Newton. Referred to the committee on Towns.

D. Tower et als.

By Mr. James of Williamsburg, petition of Dexter Tower and others, for authority to take land and construct a branch railroad track in Williamsburg. Referred to the committee on Railroads.

Second Parish  
in Sherborn.

By Mr. Coolidge of Sherborn, petition of the Second Parish in Sherborn for a change of name. Referred to the committee on Parishes and Religious Societies.

Severally sent up for concurrence.

Cambridge.

By Mr. Kendall of Cambridge, petition of city of Cambridge, for amendment to the grade Act of 1872.

By Mr. Coveney of Cambridge, petition of city of Cam-

bridge for authority to make and execute police regulations for the borders of Fresh Pond. Cambridge.

Severally referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

*Introduced on Leave.*

By Mr. Stone of Northampton, Bill authorizing the clerk of the courts in Hampshire County to draw pay for clerk hire from the county treasury. Read and referred to the committee on the Judiciary. Clerk, Hampshire County.

*Orders.*

On motion of Mr. Codman of Boston,—

*Ordered*, That the Clerks of the two Houses cause the 20th joint rule to be published once a week in six daily newspapers published within this Commonwealth until the 22d of February next. Twentieth joint rule.

On motion of Mr. Pierce of Malden,—

*Ordered*, That the committee on Prisons consider the expediency of repealing chapter 193, Acts of the year 1873, to provide uniforms for the officers of the state prison. State Prison uniforms.

Severally sent up for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. Kimball of Boston,—

*Ordered*, That the committee on the Judiciary be instructed to consider whether any legislation is necessary to protect cities, towns and corporations against unfounded and exaggerated claims for compensation for personal injuries by reason of alleged defects in ways of travel or from casualties on the same. Claims for damages.

On motion of Mr. Osgood of Salem,—

*Ordered*, That the committee on Printing ascertain and report what number of copies of the "Report of the Massachusetts Commissioners to the Exposition at Vienna" have been printed under the authority of chapter 406 of the Acts of 1874, and what provision, if any, has been made for their distribution. Vienna reports.

On motion of Mr. Hillman of Chilmark,—

*Ordered*, That the committee on Probate and Chancery consider the expediency of increasing the salary of the judge of probate for Dukes County. Dukes County probate judge.

On motion of Mr. Noble of Westfield,—

*Ordered*, That the Auditor be requested to furnish to

Sergeant-at-Arms' employees.

this House a statement of the number of persons employed by the Sergeant-at-Arms, and the amount of compensation paid to them each year, from 1855 to 1874, inclusive.

*Member Qualified.*

D. H. Thurston qualified.

Mr. Daniel H. Thurston of Cambridge, member-elect from the Eighth Middlesex Representative District, presented his credentials, and a committee, consisting of Messrs. Pierce of Malden and Keith of Greenfield, conducted him to the Council Chamber, and having been duly qualified, Mr. Thurston took his seat in the House.

*Reports of Committees.*

Executors, etc.

Mr. Meserve of Hopkinton, from the committee on Probate and Chancery, reported inexpedient to legislate on the order as to the expediency of legislation with regard to the powers of executors, administrators, guardians and trustees appointed in other states or countries. Read and placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

First Baptist Society, Westborough.

Mr. Massey of Bellingham, from the committee on Parishes and Religious Societies, on petition of George B. Brigham and others, reported a Resolve granting authority to the deacons of the First Baptist Society of Westborough to mortgage its church property.

Salem Marine Ins. Co.

Mr. Pope of Boston, from the committee on Insurance, on a petition, reported a Bill to extend the charter of the Salem Marine Insurance Company.

Severally read and ordered to a second reading.

Waltham.

Mr. Lewis of Fairhaven, from the committee on Claims, reported a Resolve in favor of the town of Waltham. Read and referred under the rule to the committee on Finance.

*Orders of the Day.*

Orders of the day.

The report of the committee on the Judiciary, inexpedient to legislate, on the order as to the expediency of repealing chapter 404, Acts of 1874, relating to parties to promissory notes, or of so modifying the same that it shall not apply to sureties or guarantors, was accepted.

The Bill relating to assistance for district-attorneys in certain districts, and amending section 1 of chapter 278 of the Acts of 1873, was read and ordered to a third reading.

Bills :

In relation to recording mortgages of personal property ;

To amend chapter 286 of the Acts of 1870, entitled "An Act to provide for the establishment of the true meridian lines, and for regulating the practice of surveying in this State" ;

Were read, passed to be engrossed and sent up for concurrence.

At 2.30, the House

Adjourned.

THURSDAY, January 28, 1875.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer was offered by the Chaplain.

*Petitions Presented.*

By Mr. Hall of Leominster, petition of William A. Wm. A. Easler.  
Easler, for an annuity on account of injuries received during the late war.

By Mr. Long of Hingham, memorial of George M. Geo. M. Weston.  
Weston, for payment for services and expenditures on account of the Commonwealth in 1859.

Severally referred to the committee on Claims.

By Mr. Bosworth of Taunton, remonstrance of J. D. Taunton River.  
G. Williams and 100 others, against any change in the laws relating to fisheries in Taunton Great River.

By Mr. Hatheway of Fall River, petition of Augustus Mt. Hope Bay.  
Chase and 98 others, for the repeal of chapter 185, Acts of 1874, to regulate shell-fisheries in the waters of Mount Hope Bay.

By Mr. Seaver of Boston, petition of Samuel Ingalls Winthrop—fisheries.  
and others of the town of Winthrop, for a law regulating the taking of shell-fish from the beaches of that town.

Severally referred to the committee on the Fisheries.

By Mr. Geer of West Springfield, petition of William Wm. Birnie, W.  
Birnie and C. L. Goodhue, for authority to take, convey Springfield—water.  
and distribute water for domestic and other purposes in the town of West Springfield. Referred to the committee on Water Supply and Drainage.

By Mr. Howes of Ashfield, petition of the selectmen of Shelburne—bridge.  
Shelburne, for an Act to apportion the expense of support-



ing a bridge across Deerfield River, near "Bardwell's Ferry," so called, between the towns of Conway and Shelburne. Referred to the committee on Roads and Bridges.

Severally sent up for concurrence.

Pittsfield fire district.

By Mr. Plunkett of Pittsfield, petition of Pittsfield Fire District, for authority to fund its debt. Referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

*Introduced on Leave.*

Liquors.

By Mr. Copeland of Springfield, Bill to repeal chapter 415 of the Acts of the year 1869, concerning the manufacture and sale of intoxicating liquors. Read, referred to committee on the Liquor Law and sent up for concurrence.

Register for Hampden Co.

By the same gentleman, Bill to establish the salary of the Register of Probate and Insolvency for the county of Hampden. Read and referred to the committee on Probate and Chancery.

*Papers from the Senate.*

The following matters were referred in concurrence :—

Cattle Commissioners.

Annual report of Cattle Commissioners. To committee on Agriculture.

J. Quincy—  
labor protective  
associations.

Petition of Josiah Quincy, for an Act of incorporation, or a general law, authorizing "mutual savings funds, loan or building associations." To committee on Labor Question.

J. Luther—peddlers.

Petition of Jonathan Luther and others, for amendment of laws relating to peddlers' licenses. To committee on Mercantile Affairs.

Lee and New Haven Railroad.

Report of commissioners on the Lee and New Haven Railroad; and

Railroad tariffs.

Bill (on leave) to regulate railroad tariffs. To committee on Railroads.

*Bill Enacted.*

Bill passed.

The Bill making appropriations for the mileage and compensation of members of the Legislature, and for the compensation of the preacher of the election sermon, the chaplains, assistant clerks, doorkeepers, messengers and pages of the Senate and House of Representatives, and for other purposes (which originated in the House), was passed to be enacted, signed and sent to the Senate.

*Orders.*

On motion of Mr. Phillips of Salem,—

*Ordered*, That the joint standing committee on Rail-roads be authorized to employ clerical assistance. Railroad Committee.

On motion of Mr. Coveney of Cambridge,—

*Ordered*, That the committee on Insurance be instructed to consider the expediency of providing by general law for the increase and reduction of capitals of joint stock insurance companies. Insurance companies—capital stock.

On motion of Mr. Moseley of Boston,—

*Ordered*, That the committee on Railroads inquire and report whether the Boston and Albany Railroad Company is furnishing proper facilities for the transportation of merchandise and for the promotion of the trade and commerce of the Commonwealth, and particularly whether its rates of freight and other arrangements are properly adjusted so as to encourage the shipping of freight to and from the port of Boston; and further, whether the state directors of said company have complied with the provisions of Resolve 90 of the Resolves of the year 1866, and of chapter 226 of the Acts of the year 1873; and that the committee report any legislation needed to promote these ends, and have power to send for persons and papers. Boston and Albany Railroad.

Severally sent up for concurrence.

Mr. Brigham of Hudson offered the following order, which was referred to the committee on Printing:—

*Ordered*, That eight hundred extra copies of the report of the Chief Constable of the Commonwealth for 1874 be printed for the use of the members of the Legislature. State Police report.

*Reports of Committees.*

Mr. Hill of Boston, from the committee on Prisons, Pardons, reported that no legislation is necessary on the list of pardons granted by the governor and council in 1874. The report was considered, under a suspension of the rule, and accepted. Sent up for concurrence.

Mr. Torrey of South Scituate, from the committee on Printing, on the order relative to reports of the commissioners to the Vienna Exposition, reported, enclosing a communication from Hon. Charles Francis Adams, Jr., stating that one thousand copies have been printed, which are subject to legislative action, no provision having been made for their distribution. Vienna reports.

Horse thieves.

Mr. Codman of Boston, from the committee on the Judiciary, reported inexpedient to legislate on the order relative to penalty for stealing horses and carriages left standing in the streets.

Severally read and placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

Boston—water-pipes.

Mr. Codman of Boston, from the committee on the Judiciary, on petition of the mayor of Boston, reported a Bill to authorize the city of Boston to regulate the construction and use of water-pipes and water-fixtures in said city.

Boston—bills against.

The same gentleman, from the same committee, on petition of the mayor of Boston, also reported a Bill to permit the payment of certain bills by the city of Boston.

Waltham.

Mr. Blaney of Peabody, from the committee on Finance, reported the Resolve in favor of the town of Waltham in a new draft.

Worcester Board of Trade.

Mr. Hawkes of Lynn, from the committee on Mercantile Affairs, on petition of Sumner Pratt, reported a Bill to incorporate the Worcester Board of Trade.

Severally read and ordered to a second reading.

Educational expenses.

Mr. Miller of Fall River, from the committee on Finance, reported that the Resolve to provide for the payment from the treasury of certain educational expenses ought to pass. Placed in the orders of the day for a second reading to-morrow.

### *Orders of the Day.*

Orders of the day.

The report of the committee on Probate and Chancery, inexpedient to legislate, on the order as to the expediency of legislation with regard to the powers of executors, administrators, guardians and trustees appointed in other States or countries, was accepted.

The Resolve granting authority to the deacons of the First Baptist Society of Westborough to mortgage its church property, was read, and, on motion of Mr. Hale of Boston, referred to the committee on Probate and Chancery.

The Bill to extend the charter of the Salem Marine Insurance Company, was read, amended on motion of Mr. Osgood of Salem, and ordered to a third reading.

The Bill relating to assistance for district-attorneys in certain districts, and amending section 1 of chapter 278

of the Acts of 1873 was read, passed to be engrossed and sent up for concurrence.

At 2.40, the House  
Adjourned.

FRIDAY, January 29, 1875.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer was offered by the Chaplain.

*Petitions Presented.*

By Mr. Hatheway of Fall River, the petition of the Fall River Manufacturers' Insurance Company of Fall River, for amendment of charter. Referred to the committee on Insurance. Fall River Manufacturers' Ins. Co.

By Mr. King of Boston, the petition of William S. Frost, for payment for services rendered as a staff officer. Referred to the committee on Military Affairs. Wm. S. Frost.

Severally sent up for concurrence.

*Orders.*

On motion of Mr. Perkins of Boston,—

*Ordered*, That the committee on Public Lands be requested to ascertain and report whether any satisfactory arrangement can be made between the Commonwealth, the city of Boston and the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, by which the lot of land bounded by Huntington Avenue, Boylston Street and Dartmouth Street, in the city of Boston, shall be laid out as ornamental grounds. Mass. Technology grounds.

On motion of Mr. Kimball of Boston,—

*Ordered*, That His Excellency the Governor be requested to transmit, for the information of the Legislature, copies of such papers in relation to the erection of a new State Prison as may be on the files of the Executive Department of last year. New State Prison.

On motion of Mr. Churchill of Boston,—

*Ordered*, That the joint committee on Military Affairs inquire and report as to the expediency of preparing and printing a record of the officers and men of this Commonwealth who served in the navy of the United States in the civil war, similar to the record of those who served in the army, already published. Navy record.

Severally sent up for concurrence.

*Introduced on Leave.*

Taxation on  
mortgaged  
property.

By Mr. Best of Stoneham, a Bill to equalize taxation on mortgaged property.

Laid on the table, on motion of Mr. Kimball of Boston.

Estates on con-  
dition.

By Mr. Meserve of Hopkinton, a Bill in relation to estates held on condition. Referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

*Taken from the Files.*

Weymouth—  
Boston and  
Albany Rail-  
road.

On motion of Mr. Newton of Weymouth, the resolutions passed by the town of Weymouth, requesting the State to purchase the Boston and Albany Railroad. Referred to committee on Railroads, and sent up for concurrence.

*Papers from the Senate.*

Turner's Falls  
—bridge.

The following papers were referred in concurrence :—

Petitions from A. W. Stevens and 152 others, citizens of Franklin County, for an Act relative to building a bridge over the Connecticut River, at Turner's Falls; and

Broad-rimmed  
wheels.

Of Samuel A. Dean and others, for an Act requiring the use of broad-rimmed wheels on loaded wagons and carts passing over public highways.

To committee on Roads and Bridges.

Railroad fares.

Bills (on leave) to establish the rate of fares on certain railroads; and

Railroad bonds.

To amend section 49, chapter 372, of the Acts of 1874, relative to the issuing of bonds by railroad corporations to fund floating debts.

Severally to committee on Railroads.

J. Long.

The report of the committee on Claims, leave to withdraw on the petition of Jeremiah Long for state aid, accepted by the Senate, was read and placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

*Bills Enacted.*

Bills passed.

Bills :

Making appropriations for the maintenance of the government for the present year; and

In addition to an Act making appropriations for the maintenance of the government for the present year;

(Which severally originated in the House of Representatives;)

Were severally passed to be enacted, signed and sent to the Senate.

*Reports of Committees.*

Mr. Coffin of Winchester, from the committee on Elections, reported leave to withdraw on the petition of Thomas R. Greene, for a recount of the ballots cast for representative in the Fifth Hampshire Representative District. Read and placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

Thos. R. Greene  
—recount.

Mr. Morse of Boston, from the committee on the Judiciary, on an order, reported a Bill relative to bonds to dissolve attachments and in writs of review.

Attachments,  
etc.

The same gentleman, from the same committee, on an order, reported a Bill concerning the recording of liens under chapter 150 of the General Statutes.

Recording of  
liens.

Mr. Codman of Boston, from the same committee, on petition of the Pittsfield Fire District, reported a Bill in addition to an Act for supplying the town of Pittsfield with pure water.

Pittsfield—  
water-supply.

Severally read and placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

*Orders of the Day.*

The report of the committee on Printing, on the order relative to reports of the Commissioners to the Vienna Exposition, enclosing a communication from Hon. Charles Francis Adams, Jr., stating that one thousand copies have been printed, which are subject to legislative action, no provision having been made for their distribution, was, on motion of Mr. Osgood of Salem, recommitted to the committee, with instructions to report an order for the proper distribution of the volumes.

Orders of the  
day.

The report of the committee on the Judiciary, inexpedient to legislate, on the order relative to penalty for stealing horses and carriages left standing in the streets, was accepted.

**Resolves :**

To provide for the payment from the treasury of certain educational expenses ;

In favor of the town of Waltham ; and

**Bills :**

To permit the payment of certain bills by the city of Boston ;

To incorporate the Worcester Board of Trade ;

Were severally read and ordered to a third reading.

The Bill to extend the charter of the Salem Insurance

Company was read, passed to be engrossed and sent up for concurrence.

The Bill to authorize the city of Boston to regulate the construction and use of water-pipes and water-fixtures in said city, was read and considered.

On motion of Mr. Merrill of Boston, the bill was recommitted to the committee on the Judiciary, and, on motion of Mr. Phillips of Salem, the committee was instructed to report a general law applicable to all cities and towns which provide water at the public expense.

At 3.25 the House  
Adjourned.

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SATURDAY, January 30, 1875.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer was offered by the Chaplain.

*Petition Presented.*

L. E. Chase, et  
als.—Water-  
town and  
Newton.

By Mr. Burr of Newton, petition of Lewson E. Chase and others of Watertown, in aid of the petition for a change of boundary line between that town and Newton. Referred to the committee on Towns.

Attorney-Gen-  
eral.  
Gas Inspector.

The annual report of the Attorney-General; and Of the Inspector of gas and gas-meters, were received, laid upon the table and ordered to be printed.

*Papers from the Senate.*

Transportation  
of merchandise.

The petition of Jesse Foster and 687 others, for a change in the laws relating to the transportation of merchandise, was referred in concurrence to the committee on Agriculture.

Sons of Tem-  
perance.

The report of the committee on the State Police, asking to be discharged from further consideration of the petition of the Grand Division of Sons of Temperance, for more effective execution of the laws, and recommending that it be referred to the committee on the Liquor Law, accepted by the Senate, was considered, under a suspension of the rule, and accepted in concurrence, and the petition was so referred.

*Order.*

Reading of bills.

On motion of Mr. Ropes of Boston,—

*Ordered*, That all bills and resolves, when first reported,

shall be read in full, unless otherwise ordered by the House.

*Orders of the Day.*

The report of the committee on Claims (leave to withdraw) on the petition of Jeremiah Long, for state aid, was accepted in concurrence. Orders of the day.

The report of the committee on Elections (leave to withdraw) on the petition of Thomas R. Greene, for a recount of ballots cast for representative in the Fifth Hampshire Representative District, was accepted.

**Bills :**

Concerning the recording of liens under chapter 150 of the General Statutes ;

Relative to bonds to dissolve attachments and in writs of review ;

In addition to an Act for supplying the town of Pittsfield with pure water ;

Were severally read and ordered to a third reading.

**Resolves :**

To provide for the payment from the treasury of certain educational expenses ;

In favor of the town of Waltham ; and

Bill to incorporate the Worcester Board of Trade ;

Were severally read, passed to be engrossed and sent up for concurrence.

The Bill to permit the payment of certain bills by the city of Boston, was read. Mr. Hill of Boston moved that it be recommitted to the committee on the Judiciary. The motion was lost, and the bill was passed to be engrossed and sent up for concurrence.

*Taken from the Table.*

On motion of Mr. Torrey of South Scituate, the communication from the Auditor, giving a statement of the expense of binding and printing for the several state departments for the last year. Referred to the committee on Printing.

At 12.25, the House

Adjourned.



MONDAY, February 1, 1875.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer was offered by the Chaplain.

*Petitions Presented.*

Taunton River  
fisheries.

By Mr. Wood of Swansea, the remonstrance of citizens of Somerset against any change in the fishing laws pertaining to Taunton Great River. Referred to the committee on Fisheries.

Abington.

By Mr. Grose of Abington, petition of Lewis E. Noyes and 99 others, in aid of the petition of Joseph Vaughn and others, for the division of the town of Abington. Referred to the committee on Towns.

Southbridge—  
water-supply.

By Mr. Litchfield of Southbridge, petition of a committee of the town of Southbridge for authority to supply said town with water. Referred to the committee on Water Supply and Drainage.

These papers were severally sent up for concurrence.

Lowell—city  
charter.

By Mr. Tyler of Lowell, petition of the mayor of Lowell for revision of the charter of that city. Referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

Census.

By Mr. Codman of Boston, petition of the mayor of Boston for an Act authorizing the appointment of agents to take the census. Referred to the committee on Finance.

*Order.*

On motion of Mr. Towne of Worcester,—

Contracts with  
officers of cities.

*Ordered*, That the committee on the Judiciary consider the expediency of repealing chapter 274 of the Acts of 1872, relating to contracts with the officers of cities.

*Papers from the Senate.*

Third Parish in  
Abington.

A Bill to change the name of the Third Parish in Abington, passed to be engrossed by the Senate, was read and ordered to a second reading.

Pegan Brook.

The remonstrance of Waldo Colburn and 44 others, citizens of Dedham, against the petitions of the city of Boston and the town of Natick, for leave to divert the waters of Pegan Brook, etc., was referred in concurrence to the committee on Water Supply and Drainage.

Lexington cen-  
tennial.

The petition of the town of Lexington, for an appropriation towards their centennial celebration and the statues

of Hancock and Adams; also to raise money by taxation or otherwise not exceeding one-fifth of one per cent. on their valuation, was referred in concurrence to committee on Towns.

*Reports of Committees.*

Mr. Torrey of South Scituate, from the committee on Printing, reported that the order relative to printing two thousand additional copies of the Report of the Committee on County Expenditures, ought not to be adopted. Read and placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow. County expenditures.

Mr. Mahony of Boston, from the same committee, on the order relative to the distribution of the reports of the Commissioners to the Vienna Exposition, reported that in their opinion the disposition of the volumes should be left to the discretion of the joint committee on Printing, and recommending that the order be referred to that committee. Under suspension of the rule the report was accepted, and the order was so referred, and sent up for concurrence. Vienna reports.

Mr. Codman of Boston, from the committee on the Judiciary, reported the bill concerning the grand jury for the county of Suffolk, ought to pass with an amendment, striking out the words "and to have been" in the 9th line of section 1. Placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow. Grand jury of Suffolk.

Mr. Coffin of Winchester, from the committee on Elections, on petition of Salmon D. Hood, for the seat as representative from the Twentieth Essex District now held by John H. Potter, reported the facts in the case, and the following resolution:— Salmon D. Hood declared elected.

*Resolution concerning the seat of Representative for the Twentieth Essex District.*

*Resolved*, That at the election held on the third day of November last, Salmon D. Hood of Topsfield was duly elected representative to the General Court from the Twentieth Essex Representative District, and that he is entitled to the seat in this House now occupied by John H. Potter.

Read and placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

*Orders of the Day.*

Bills concerning the recording of liens under chapter 150 of the General Statutes; and in addition to an Act for supplying the town of Pittsfield with pure water, were Orders of the day.

severally read, passed to be engrossed, and sent up for concurrence.

The Bill relative to bonds to dissolve attachments and in writs of review, was reported by Mr. Long of Hingham, from the committee on Bills in the Third Reading, recommending the amendment of the same by substituting a new bill with the same title.

On motion of Mr. Morse of Boston, the bill was recommended, with the proposed amendment, to the committee on the Judiciary.

At 2.30 the House  
Adjourned.

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TUESDAY, February 2, 1875.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer was offered by the Chaplain.

*Petitions Presented.*

Bay State Brick  
Co.

By Mr. Kimball of Boston, petition of the Bay State Brick Company for leave to cross a highway with a railroad, and to operate the same. Referred to the committee on Railroads.

American Ins.  
Co.

By Mr. Coveney of Cambridge, petition of the American Insurance Company for extension of charter. Referred to the committee on Insurance.

Severally sent up for concurrence.

Joel Hayden—  
Hayden Foundry and  
Machine Co.

By Mr. Stone of Northampton, petition of Joel Hayden for an Act confirming the proceedings of the Hayden Foundry and Machine Company. Referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

Sergeant-at-  
Arms' employ-  
ées.

A communication was received from the Auditor, relative to expenses incurred for the employment of messengers, etc., by the Sergeant-at-Arms from 1855 to 1874, inclusive; which was laid on the table and ordered to be printed.

*Introduced on Leave.*

United States  
lands.

By Mr. Fuller of Boston, a Bill ceding jurisdiction to the United States over lands used for customs offices or marine hospitals. Read and referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. King of Boston, a Resolve in favor of the Disabled

Soldiers' Employment Bureau. Read and referred to the committee on Finance. Disabled Soldiers' Employment Bureau.

*Papers from the Senate.*

Papers were referred in concurrence as follows:—

Remonstrances of Alfred W. Paul and 34 others of Dighton; A. B. Crane and 32 others of Berkeley; and of F. A. Hathaway and 49 others, against the petition of Allen H. Ingalls and others relative to the fisheries of Taunton Great River. Severally to the committee on Fisheries. Taunton River fisheries.

Petition of the school committee of the town of Scituate for its proportion of the income of the school fund for 1873. To the committee on Education. Scituate.

The petition of Edward Crane and associates to be incorporated under the name of the Atlantic and Ontario Railroad Trust Company, was referred to the committee on the Hoosac Tunnel Line of Railroads in non-concurrence with the Senate, having been referred by that branch to the committee on Railroads. Sent up for concurrence. E. Crane, et als.

A Bill to change the name of the East Abington Savings Bank, passed to be engrossed by the Senate, was read and ordered to a second reading. East Abington Savings Bank.

*Orders.*

On motion of Mr. Ropes of Boston,—

*Ordered,* That the committee on Mercantile Affairs be instructed to inquire into the expediency of amending the charter of the Collateral Loan Company of Boston. Sent up for concurrence. Collateral Loan Co.

On motion of Mr. Allen of Duxbury,—

*Ordered,* That the committee on the Judiciary consider and report whether any amendment of the 175th and 176th sections of the 372d chapter of the laws of 1874, or any further legislation, is necessary to secure or protect the rights of persons or corporations owning the soil of a highway in crossing the same for the transaction of their business, and if so, report a bill for that purpose. Highway crossings.

On motion of Mr. Codman of Boston,—

*Ordered,* That the committee on the Judiciary consider whether any legislation is necessary in relation to the municipal courts of the city of Boston. Boston—courts.

*Bill Enacted.*

Hingham Mut.  
Ins. Co.

An engrossed Bill to further extend the charter of the Hingham Mutual Fire Insurance Company (which originated in the House of Representatives), was passed to be enacted, signed and sent to the Senate.

*Taken from the Table.*

Scientific sur-  
vey.

On motion of Mr. White of Williamstown, report of the State Board of Education on the proposed survey of the Commonwealth. Referred to the committee on Education.

Lunacy.

On motion of Mr. Kimball of Boston, report of the Commission on Lunacy. Referred to the committee on Public Charitable Institutions.

Gas.

On motion of the same gentleman, annual report of the State Inspector of Gas and Gas-meters. Referred to the committee on Mercantile Affairs.

Severally sent up for concurrence.

Auditor's re-  
port.

On motion of the same gentleman, annual report of the Auditor of the Commonwealth. Referred to the committee on Finance.

*Reports of Committees.*

Registers of  
deeds.

Mr. Codman of Boston, from the committee on the Judiciary, reported that no legislation is necessary on the abstracts of returns of Registers of Deeds and of Sheriffs.

Sheriffs.  
Brewster.

Mr. Johnson of Nahant, from the committee on the Fisheries, reported leave to withdraw on the petition of the selectmen of Brewster for the better protection of its shell-fisheries.

These reports were read, and, under a suspension of the rule, considered and accepted, and the last named was sent up for concurrence.

Leather.

Mr. Willard of Ayer, from the committee on Mercantile Affairs, reported leave to withdraw on the petition of George C. Hodgdon, Inspector-General of Leather, for the amendment of section 4, chapter 236, Acts of 1866, in relation to the inspection of leather. Read and placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

E. Bridgewater  
—court.

Mr. Heywood of Concord, from the committee on the Judiciary, on petition of Asa Millett and others, reported a Bill to include the town of East Bridgewater within the judicial district of the First District Court of Plymouth.

Mr. White of Williamstown, from the committee on Education, on a portion of the Governor's address, reported a Resolve to set apart a portion of the land belonging to the Commonwealth in the Back Bay for the use of the State Normal Art-School.

Severally read and ordered to a second reading.

*Orders of the Day.*

The report of the committee on Printing (ought not to be adopted) on the order relative to printing two thousand additional copies of the report of the committee on County Expenditures, was considered. The question of the rejection of the order was negatived.

Orders of the day.

On motion of Mr. Kimball of Boston, the order was amended by striking out the word "two" in the first line and inserting the word "five." Also providing that the extra copies of the report should be distributed *pro rata* among the members of the Legislature. The order as amended was then adopted.

The Bill to change the name of the Third Parish in Abington was read and ordered to a third reading.

The resolution concerning the seat of representative for the Twentieth Essex District was passed.

The Bill concerning the grand jury for the county of Suffolk was read, amended as recommended by the committee on the Judiciary, on motion of Mr. Codman of Boston, and ordered to a third reading.

On motion of Mr. Codman, the rules were suspended, the bill was read a third time, passed to be engrossed, and sent up for concurrence.

At 3.05 the House

Adjourned.

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WEDNESDAY, February 3, 1875.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer was offered by the Rev. Mr. Closson of Marblehead.

*Petitions Presented.*

By Mr Keith of Greenfield, petition of selectmen of Greenfield for pay of armory furnished Company A, 2d Regiment M. V. M.

By Mr. Hawkes of Lynn, petition of William D.

W. D. Chamberlain, et als.—  
Co. I. Chamberlain and officers and privates of Company I, 29th Regiment M. V. M., for compensation.

Severally referred to the committee on Claims.

Ten-hour law. By Mr. Baker of Medfield, petition of M. Julia Sandford and 61 other women of Medford, for modification or repeal of the ten-hour law. Referred to the committee on the Labor Question.

Nahant Land Co. By Mr. May of Leicester, petition of S. E. Sewall, trustee, and others, for incorporation as the Nahant Land Company. Referred to the committee on Mercantile Affairs.

Danvers. By Mr. Robinson of Wenham, petition of George T. Russell and 81 others of Danvers, for an Act authorizing said town to raise and appropriate money to pay soldiers' bounties.

Everett and Medford. By Mr. Lawrence of Medford, petition of J. R. Fillebrown and others, to set off a portion of the town of Everett to the town of Medford.

Severally referred to the committee on Towns.

Severally sent up for concurrence.

Rockland—E. Abington fire district. By Mr. Reed of Abington, petition of selectmen of Rockland, for an Act to abolish the East Abington fire district. Referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

#### *Laid on the Table.*

Tax Commissioner. The annual report of the Tax Commissioner was received, laid on the table and ordered printed.

#### *Member Qualified.*

S. D. Hood qualified. Mr. Salmon D. Hood of Topsfield, who, by a resolution passed by the House, had been declared elected representative from the Twentieth Essex District, being present and ready to be qualified, was conducted to the Council Chamber by a committee consisting of Messrs. Plunkett of Pittsfield and Curtis of Lenox, and having been qualified, took his seat in the House.

#### *Papers from the Senate.*

Papers were referred in concurrence as follows:—

Lobsters. Petition of Wm. B. Brown and 200 others, citizens of Marblehead, for amendment of the law relating to the preservation of lobsters. To the committee on Fisheries.

B. C. & F. R. R. Co. Petition of Boston, Clinton and Fitchburg Railroad Company, to increase its capital stock, and for other purposes. To the committee on Railroads.

Petition of the trustees of the State Lunatic Asylum at Taunton, for an appropriation to complete the extension of the hospital buildings authorized by a former legislature. To the committee on Public Charitable Institutions. Taunton State Lunatic Hospital.

Petition of Judith D. Young, for state aid. To the committee on Claims. Judith D. Young.

Petition of Hammon Reed and 44 others of Lexington, in aid of petition of Jesse Foster and others, for a change of the laws relating to transportation of merchandise and produce. To the committee on Agriculture. Foster, et als.—transportation of merchandise.

The petition of J. R. Rogers and 309 other citizens of North Brookfield, in aid of the petition of Edward Crane and others, for the incorporation of the Boston and Chicago Railway and Trust Company, referred by the Senate to the committee on Railroads, was referred in non-concurrence to the committee on the Hoosac Tunnel Line of Railroads. E. Crane, et als.

Sent up for concurrence.

The Bill to establish a state detective force for the better enforcement of the laws, passed to be engrossed by the Senate, was read, and under a suspension of the rule requiring its reference to the committee on Finance, moved by Mr. Kimball of Boston, it was placed in the orders of the day for a second reading to-morrow. State detective force.

*Ordered*, In concurrence, that the committee on Insurance inquire into the expediency of so amending the Acts relating to insurance as to enable insurance companies to reduce the amount of their capital stock in case of the impairment thereof. Reduction of capital of Ins. Cos.

#### *Introduced on Leave.*

By Mr. Peirce of New Bedford, Bill to amend an Act relating to contracts with officers of cities. Contracts with officers of cities.

By Mr. Knox of Lawrence, Bill relating to the indebtedness of cities and towns. Indebtedness of cities and towns.

Severally read and referred to the committee on Judiciary.

#### *Bills Enacted.*

Engrossed bills :

*Bills enacted.*

To include the town of Milton within the judicial district of the District Court of East Norfolk ; and

Concerning the grand jury for the county of Suffolk ;  
(Which severally originated in the House of Representatives ;)



Were passed to be enacted, signed and sent to the Senate.

*Orders.*

**Betterments.** On motion of Mr. Copeland of Springfield,—  
*Ordered*, That the committee on the Judiciary inquire into the expediency of repealing or modifying the laws concerning betterments.

**Register of Probate, Dukes Co.** On motion of Mr. Hillman of Chilmark,—  
*Ordered*, That the committee on Probate and Chancery consider the expediency of increasing the salary of the Register of Probate for Dukes County.

**Harbor Commissioners' Report.** Mr. Torrey of South Scituate, offered the following order, which was referred under the rule to the committee on Printing:—  
*Ordered*, That three thousand extra copies of the Harbor Commissioners Report be printed for the use of the Legislature.

*Reports of Committees.*

**Taxes of Insurance agents.** Mr. Cummings of Somerville, from the committee on Claims, on petition of R. B. Robinson, reported a Resolve for reimbursement of certain taxes overpaid by insurance agents. Read and referred, under the rule, to the committee on Finance.

**Auditor's salaries, etc.** Mr. Whitney of Ashburnham, from the committee on Finance, reported that no legislation is necessary on the report of the Auditor, upon salaries and expenses of his department for the year 1875.

**South Boston Flats.** Mr. Torrey of South Scituate, from the committee on Printing, reported that the order for printing one thousand additional copies of the report of the joint special committee on the use of the Commonwealth's flats, at South Boston, as terminal grounds for railroads, with accompanying plans for the use of the Legislature, ought to be adopted.

**Mileage.** Mr. Baker of Medfield, from the committee on the Pay Roll, who were instructed by an order to make up the mileage of members of the House, reported, submitting a schedule and order for the payment of \$2,029 for mileage of members.

These reports were severally accepted, under suspension of the rule, and the orders named were severally adopted.

**J. Vaughn, et als.—Abington.** Mr. Allen of Duxbury, from the committee on Towns, reported leave to withdraw, on the petition of Joseph

Vaughn and 316 others of Abington, for a new town to be created from the centre ward of said town, for the reason that said petition has not been published according to law.

Mr. Pope of Boston, from the committee on Insurance, reported inexpedient to legislate on the order as to the expediency of providing by general law for extending, without limit of time, the charters of all insurance companies chartered for a term of years. Ins. Cos.—extension of charters.

Mr. Holden of Westminster, from the committee on Melrose. Claims, reported leave to withdraw on the petition of the town of Melrose, for legislation to enable the State to pay claim of the town of Melrose for rent of armory.

Severally read and placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

Mr. Coffin of Winchester, from the committee on Elections, on petition of Orsamus Maxwell, reported the result of the recount of votes asked for by petitioner, and the following O. Maxwell—Fifth Franklin District.

*Resolution concerning the seat of Representative for the Fifth Franklin District:*

*Resolved*, That whereas it appears from a recount, made by the committee on Elections, of the ballots cast for representative to the General Court, at the election held in the Fifth Franklin District, the third day of November last, that Edmond M. Vincent of Heath received a majority of said ballots, it is hereby declared that said Edmond M. Vincent was duly elected, and that he is legally entitled to a seat in this House as representative from said district.

The same gentleman, from the same committee, on petition of Frederick P. Shaw, reported the facts concerning the election in the Tenth Bristol Representative District, and the following Frederick P. Shaw.

*Resolution concerning the seat of Representative for the Tenth Bristol District:*

*Resolved*, That Frederick P. Shaw of New Bedford was duly elected representative to the General Court for the Tenth Bristol District, at the election held therefor, on the third day of November last, and that he is entitled to the seat now occupied in this House by Joseph Buckminster.

Severally read and placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

Fall River Manf.  
Mut. Ins. Co.

Mr. Paul of Boston, from the committee on Insurance, on a petition, reported a Bill in addition to an Act to incorporate the Fall River Manufacturers' Mutual Insurance Company.

Hampshire Co.  
—clerk.

Mr. Gardner of Palmer, from the committee on the Judiciary, on an order, reported a Bill authorizing the clerk of the courts in Hampshire County to draw pay for clerk hire from the county treasury.

Appropriation  
bill.

Mr. Stearns of Boston, from the committee on Finance, reported a Bill in further addition to an Act making appropriations for the maintenance of the government during the present year.

Severally read and ordered to a second reading.

### *Orders of the Day.*

Orders of the  
day.

The report of the committee on Mercantile Affairs (leave to withdraw), on the petition of George C. Hodgdon, Inspector-General of Leather, for the amendment of section 4, chapter 236, Acts of 1866, in relation to the inspection of leather, was accepted.

Sent up for concurrence.

Bills :

To include the town of East Bridgewater within the judicial district of the First District Court of Plymouth ;  
and

To change the name of the East Abington Savings Bank ;

Were severally read, and ordered to a third reading.

The Bill to change the name of the Third Parish in Abington, was read and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

The Resolve to set apart a portion of the land belonging to the Commonwealth in the Back Bay for the use of the State Normal Art-School, was read and considered. Amendments were moved by Messrs. Bowman of Somerville and Kimball of Boston, were severally adopted, and the resolve as amended was ordered to a third reading.

At 4.40 the House  
Adjourned.

THURSDAY, February 4, 1875.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer was offered by the Chaplain.

*Petitions Presented.*

By Mr. Wilcox of Sandisfield, remonstrances of Esmond Sandisfield. Denning and 74 others, and of R. R. Phelps and 36 others, of Sandisfield, against said town being joined, in part, to Monterey.

By Mr. Lawrence of Medford, petition of selectmen of Brickyards. Medford for the enactment of a law to compel owners or lessees of brick-yards to fill up all excavations made by them.

Severally referred to the committee on Towns.

By Mr. Burr of Newton, petition of Boston Safe Deposit and Trust Company, for authority to increase its capital Boston Safe Deposit and Trust Co. stock. Referred to the committee on Banks and Banking.

By Mr. Boynton of Westborough, petition of Jennie Ten-hour law. Webster and other female operatives of Westborough, for a modification or repeal of the ten-hour law. Referred to the committee on the Labor Question.

By Mr. Osgood of Salem, memorial of the Essex Institute of Salem, relating to the proposed survey of the Essex Institute—state survey. Commonwealth. Referred to the committee on Education.

By Mr. Keith of Abington, remonstrances of Henry W. Taunton River fisheries. Leach and 234 others of West Bridgewater, and of selectmen and citizens of Bridgewater; and by Mr. Packard of Halifax, remonstrance of J. T. L. Thompson and others of Halifax, against any change in the fishery laws relating to Taunton Great River.

Severally referred to the committee on the Fisheries.

Severally sent up for concurrence.

By Mr. Knox of Lawrence, petition of the mayor of Lawrence. Lawrence. for an Act authorizing the city of Lawrence to issue \$400,000 of additional water loan fund bonds. Referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

*Introduced on Leave.*

By Mr. Goodspeed of Barnstable, Resolve in aid of discharged female prisoners. Discharged female prisoners. Read and referred to the committee on Public Charitable Institutions.

Sent up for concurrence.

*Papers from the Senate.*

Papers were referred in concurrence as follows :—

Cheshire.

Petition of George Martin and others of Cheshire to supply the town of Cheshire with water. To the committee on Water Supply and Drainage.

E. Crane et als.

The petition of E. Crane and associates to be incorporated under the name of the Atlantic and Ontario Railroad, came down endorsed, that the Senate insisted on its reference of the same to the committee on Railroads. Pending the question of the House receding from its non-concurrence, on motion of Mr. Codman of Boston, it was laid on the table.

Scituate.

A Resolve in favor of the town of Scituate, passed to be engrossed by the Senate, was read and referred under the rule to the committee on Finance.

*Reports of Committees.*

Reviews of judgments.

Mr. Rice of Worcester, from the committee on the Judiciary, reported, in a new draft, the Bill to amend section 19, chapter 146 of the General Statutes, concerning reviews of final judgments in civil actions.

Warwick.

The same gentleman, from the same committee, on petition of town of Warwick, reported a Bill to enable the clerk of the town of Warwick for the year one thousand eight hundred and seventy to amend his record of the town meeting held September 6th of that year.

Danvers Insane Hospital.

Mr. Ropes of Boston, from the committee on Water Supply and Drainage, on petition of S. C. Cobb and others, reported a Bill to authorize the Commissioners on the State Hospital for the Insane in the town of Danvers, to procure a supply of pure water from Ipswich River.

Arkwright Ins. Co.

Mr. Pope of Boston, from the committee on Insurance, on petition, reported a Bill to authorize the Arkwright Mutual Fire Insurance Company to accumulate and hold a reserve.

Northampton Loan and Trust Co.

Mr. Babson of Gloucester, from the committee on Banks and Banking, on petition of H. G. Knight, reported a Bill to change the name and location of the Northampton Loan and Trust Company.

Severally read and ordered to a second reading.

*Orders of the Day.*

Orders of the day.

The report of the committee on Towns (leave to withdraw) on the petition of Joseph Vaughn and 316 others

of Abington, for a new town to be created from the centre ward of said town, for the reason that said petition has not been published according to law, was, on motion of Mr. Williams of Brookline, recommitted to the committee with instructions to hear the petitioners after such notice has been given by the said petitioners, at their own expense, as the committee deem expedient.

The report of the committee on Insurance (inexpedient to legislate) on the order as to the expediency of providing by general law for extending, without limit of time, the charters of all insurance companies chartered for a term of years, was, on motion of Mr. Kimball of Boston, recommitted, with instructions to report a bill extending charters subject to provisions of general laws.

Severally sent up for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. Goss of Melrose, the report of the committee on Claims (leave to withdraw), on the petition of the town of Melrose for legislation to enable the State to pay claim of the town of Melrose for rent of armory, was amended by substituting therefor a Resolve in favor of the town of Melrose. Referred under the rule to the committee on Finance.

#### Bills :

In addition to an Act to incorporate the Fall River Manufacturers' Mutual Insurance Company ;

Authorizing the clerk of the courts in Hampshire County to draw pay for clerk hire from the county treasury ; and

In further addition to an Act making appropriations for the maintenance of the government during the present year (amended on motion of Mr. Hale of Boston) ;

Were severally read and ordered to a third reading.

#### Resolutions :

Concerning the seat of representative for the Tenth Bristol District ; and

Concerning the seat of representative for the Fifth Franklin District,

Were severally passed.

The Bill to include the town of East Bridgewater within the judicial district of the First District Court of Plymouth, was read, passed to be engrossed, and sent up for concurrence.

The Bill to change the name of the East Abington Sav-

ings Bank was read, and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

The Bill to establish a state detective force for the better enforcement of the laws, was read and considered. Amendments moved by Messrs. Pierce of Milton, Gardner of Palmer, and White of Williamstown were adopted. An amendment moved by Mr. Noble of Westfield, to strike out all of the bill except sections 13, 15 and 16, was lost. The yeas and nays being ordered on this question, on motion of the same gentleman, the vote was as follows :—

## YEAS.

Messrs. Andrew Athy,  
 Amasa W. Bailey,  
 T. D. Beach,  
 James Bergin,  
 John H. Blake,  
 Sylvester W. Bowen,  
 Horace L. Bowker,  
 Osgood Bradley, Jr.,  
 Wm. E. Bridgman,  
 Samuel R. Brintnall,  
 James H. Carleton,  
 Michael Carney,  
 William Carroll,  
 Patrick Collins,  
 Austin H. Connell,  
 F. S. Coolidge,  
 Wm. D. Curtis,  
 Levi L. Cushing, Jr.,  
 Benj. F. Davis,  
 Jacob W. Davis,  
 Neil Doherty,  
 James W. Dwyer,  
 James E. Estabrook,  
 John B. Fairbanks,  
 Thomas F. Fitz Gerald,  
 Samuel Flower,  
 John D. Flynn,  
 Albert W. Gaskill,  
 William M. Gaylord,  
 Edward E. Gibbs,  
 Charles H. Greene,  
 Daniel G. Green,  
 William A. Hodges,  
 Wm. B. Howard,  
 Francis M. Hughes,

Messrs. S. D. Hood,  
 S. A. Jacobs,  
 Thomas Johnson,  
 George W. Jones,  
 Wm. Keith,  
 George P. Kingsley,  
 Daniel W. Lawrence,  
 Geo. T. Lincoln,  
 James L. Locke,  
 James T. Mahony,  
 John B. Martin,  
 Edward S. May,  
 Clement Meserve,  
 Joseph Mitchell, 2d,  
 Reuben Noble,  
 Daniel Noonan,  
 Thomas F. Plunkett,  
 Richard Pope,  
 Albert E. Rice,  
 J. C. Richmond,  
 John Sanborn,  
 Edward Sanderson,  
 Nathaniel Seaver,  
 Chas. L. Shaw,  
 Albert Smith,  
 E. A. Spaulding,  
 Dan'l J. Sweeney,  
 Leonard A. Thayer,  
 Wm. A. Thompson,  
 Dexter A. Tompkins,  
 Cranmore N. Wallace,  
 Henry M. Wilcox,  
 E. Crosby Willard,  
 William Woods.

NAYS.

Messrs. James Abbe,  
 Ebenezer Adams,  
 Samuel Allen,  
 Stephen M. Allen,  
 Michael Atkinson,  
 John J. Babson,  
 Daniel D. Bailey,  
 Cyrus F. Baker,  
 John I. Baker,  
 Joseph H. Baker,  
 George Beal,  
 John H. Bell,  
 Wm. H. Bent,  
 John Best,  
 John C. Bickford,  
 Stephen F. Blaney,  
 Wm. E. Blunt,  
 Selwyn Z. Bowman,  
 Reuben Boynton,  
 Wilbur F. Brigham,  
 Isaac T. Burr,  
 Gardner A. Churchill,  
 Isaiah Churchill,  
 Charles R. Codman,  
 A. B. Coffin,  
 Augustine P. Cook,  
 Lowell Coolidge,  
 J. W. Coveney,  
 John A. Cummings,  
 Ben. C. Currier,  
 Epes Davis,  
 Lewis Day,  
 Henry Dennis, Jr.,  
 George W. Dyer,  
 Luther Fisk,  
 Alpheus Fobes,  
 William Frost,  
 Henry W. Fuller,  
 Charles L. Gardner,  
 James W. Gaylord,  
 Emerson Geer,  
 Levi L. Goodspeed,  
 Elbridge H. Goss,  
 Charles Hale,  
 George Hall,  
 Solomon E. Hallett,  
 Nicholas Hatheway,  
 George Haven,  
 Nathan M. Hawkes,

Messrs. George Heywood,  
 Moses B. Heywood,  
 Samuel R. Heywood,  
 Joseph W. Hill,  
 Beriah T. Hillman,  
 E. Everett Holbrook,  
 Amos B. Holden,  
 Henry T. Holmes,  
 Frederick G. Howes,  
 Henry L. James,  
 Edward J. Johnson,  
 Isaac N. Keith,  
 Ziba C. Keith,  
 Edward Kendall,  
 Moses Kimball,  
 Joel Knapp,  
 Wm. S. Knox,  
 Benj. F. Leighton,  
 Daniel J. Lewis,  
 Pliny T. Litchfield,  
 John D. Long,  
 William Martin,  
 Samuel May,  
 John J. McNutt,  
 Wm. B. Merrill,  
 Henry S. Miner,  
 F. G. Morris,  
 Frederick P. Moseley,  
 W. Stanley Newhall,  
 Geo. L. Newton,  
 Edward W. Noble,  
 Chas. S. Osgood,  
 Joseph F. Paul,  
 Wm. E. Perkins,  
 Chas. H. Pew, 2d,  
 Willard P. Phillips,  
 Edward L. Pierce,  
 James Pierce,  
 Alanson B. Pomeroy,  
 Isaac Pratt, Jr.,  
 Wm. W. Rice,  
 John L. Robinson,  
 Wallace F. Robinson,  
 Charles A. Rogers,  
 Joseph S. Ropes,  
 Cyrus K. Russell,  
 Nath'l J. Rust,  
 John S. Ryder,  
 Ebenezer Sawyer,



Messrs. Isaiah A. Small,  
 Geo. D. Smalley,  
 John L. Smith,  
 Isaac Stebbins,  
 Lafayette Stevens,  
 John C. Stimpson,  
 Isaac Stone,  
 Daniel H. Thurston,  
 Enoch H. Towne,

Messrs. Byron Truell,  
 Artemas S. Tyler,  
 George M. Warren,  
 Austin C. Wellington,  
 Joseph White,  
 Wilbur F. Whitney,  
 Moses Williams, Jr.,  
 Nathan M. Wood.

Yeas, 69 ; nays, 115.

Other amendments, moved by Messrs. Fairbanks of Natick, Boynton of Westborough, Pierce of Milton, and Churchill of Boston, were lost, and the bill as amended was ordered to a third reading.

At 5.05, the House  
 Adjourned.

FRIDAY, February 5, 1875.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer was offered by the Chaplain.

*Petitions Presented.*

A. B. Magoun—  
 recording of  
 leases.

By Mr. Torrey of South Scituate, petition of Abner B. Magoun and others, for a law requiring the recording of leases of personal property.

Registration re-  
 turns.

By Mr. Truell of Lawrence, petition of Walter Rowe, city clerk of Lawrence, for extension of time to make returns of births, marriages and deaths.

Severally referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

Board of Educa-  
 tion.

The annual report of the Board of Education was received, referred to the committee on Education, and sent up for concurrence.

*Papers from the Senate.*

Papers were referred in concurrence as follows :—

Chief Consta-  
 ble's report.

Report of the Constable of the Commonwealth, to the committee on the State Police.

Surgeon-Gen-  
 eral.

Annual report of the Surgeon-General, to the committee on Military Affairs.

Fish Commis-  
 sioners.

Annual report of the Fish Commissioners, to the committee on the Fisheries.

Petition of Jesse C. Vaughn for state aid, to the com- J. C. Vaughn.  
mittee on Claims.

*Ordered*, In concurrence, that the committee on Insur- Perpetual in-  
ance inquire into the expediency of authorizing joint stock surance.  
insurance companies to issue policies on the plan of per-  
petual insurance.

The petition of J. R. Rogers and 309 others of North E. Crane et als.  
Brookfield, in aid of the petition of Edward Crane and  
others, for the incorporation of the Boston and Chicago  
Railway and Trust Company, came down with the endorse-  
ment that the Senate insisted on its reference of the same  
to the committee on Railroads.

On motion of Mr. Phillips of Salem, the House insisted  
on its reference to the committee on the Hoosac Tunnel  
Line of Railroads in non-concurrence with the Senate.

#### Bills :

To extend the time for commencing and completing the Cape Cod Ship  
Cape Cod Ship Canal; and Canal.

To incorporate the Shawmut Mutual Fire Insurance Shawmut Ins.  
Company, Co.

(Severally introduced on leave in the Senate), were  
severally returned with this endorsement: "non-concurred;  
the Speaker ruling that the bill is excluded by the 22d  
joint rule."

#### Orders.

Mr. Miner of Phillipston offered the following order,  
which was laid over until to-morrow, at the request of  
Mr. Codman of Boston:—

*Ordered*, That a committee of five persons on the part State salaries,  
of the House, with such as the Senate may join, be author- etc.  
ized to investigate the matter of all salaries paid public  
officers in this Commonwealth, and all other expenditures  
in which the State is interested, and report whether any  
legislation is necessary thereon.

Mr. Coolidge of Westminster offered the following  
order, which was also laid over until to-morrow, at the  
request of Mr. Blunt of Haverhill:—

*Ordered*, That the order of the House of the year 1874, New county.  
with the accompanying papers, relating to the formation of  
a new county from Northern Worcester and North-western  
Middlesex counties, be taken from the files of last year,  
and referred to a joint special committee of eight on the  
part of the House with such as the Senate may join.

Mr. Hill of Boston offered the following order, which was referred under the rule to the committee on Printing :—

Prison Commission.

*Ordered*, That five hundred extra copies of the report of the Prison Commission be printed for the use of the Legislature.

On motion of Mr. Baker of Beverly,—

Woman suffrage.

*Ordered*, That the use of the hall of the House of Representatives be granted to the joint special committee on Woman Suffrage on Wednesday forenoon, February 10, for a public hearing.

On motion of Mr. Coffin of Winchester,—

E. M. Vincent.

*Ordered*, That the Clerk be directed to notify Edmond M. Vincent of Heath of the decision of the House, entitling him to a seat as representative in the General Court from the Fifth Franklin District.

On motion of Mr. Plunkett of Pittsfield,—

Fire districts.

*Ordered*, That the committee on the Judiciary be instructed to inquire and report whether it is expedient to amend the 47th section of chapter 24 of the General Statutes, in such manner as to allow alterations in the limits of fire districts without petition from the voters of the territory to be annexed or excluded.

On motion of Mr. Tyler of Lowell,—

Board of appeal.

*Ordered*, That the committee on the Judiciary be requested to consider whether the board of appeal, as provided for in section 13 of the 285th chapter of the laws of 1865, ought not to be so far changed as not to include the State Treasurer as a member of said board, and report by bill or otherwise.

On motion of Mr. Truell of Lawrence,—

False bank checks.

*Ordered*, That the committee on the Judiciary consider the expediency of legislation with reference to the practice of obtaining money by giving an individual check drawn on a bank, the drawer at the same time having no funds deposited in the bank on which the check is drawn.

*Taken from the Table.*

Treasurer's report.

The annual report of the Treasurer and Receiver-General; and a

Sergeant-at-Arms' employees.

Communication from the Auditor, relative to expenses incurred for the employment of messengers, etc., by the Sergeant-at-Arms from 1855 to 1874, inclusive.

Severally referred to the committee on Finance.

Petition of E. Crane and associates to be incorporated under the name of the Atlantic and Ontario Railroad. E. Crane et al.

On motion of Mr. Phillips of Salem, the House insisted on its reference to the joint special committee on the Hoosac Tunnel Line of Railroads, in non-concurrence with the Senate.

### *Reports of Committees.*

By Mr. Allen of Walpole, from the committee on Claims, leave to withdraw, on petition of William A. Easler for an annuity on account of injuries received during the late war. Wm. E. Easler.

By Mr. Noonan of Boston, from the committee on Printing, that the order authorizing the printing of 800 extra copies of the annual report of the Chief Constable of the Commonwealth ought to be adopted. Chief Constable.

Severally read and placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

Mr. Codman of Boston, from the committee on the Judiciary, on the petition of the city of Cambridge, a Bill to amend an Act to provide for the prevention and abatement of nuisances and the preservation of the public health in the cities of Cambridge and Somerville. Read and ordered to a second reading. Cambridge and Somerville.

The same gentleman, from the same committee, to whom was referred a Bill, on leave, ceding jurisdiction to the United States over lands used for customs offices or marine hospitals, reported that the bill ought to pass. Placed in the orders of the day for a second reading to-morrow. U. S. lands.

### *Orders of the Day.*

#### **Bills :**

To enable the clerk of the town of Warwick, for the year one thousand eight hundred and seventy, to amend his record of the town meeting held September sixth of that year ; Orders of the day.

To amend section 19, chapter 146 of the General Statutes, concerning reviews of final judgments in civil actions (amended on motion of Messrs. Meserve of Hopkinton, Rice of Worcester and Long of Hingham) ;

To authorize the commissioners on the State Hospital for the Insane, in the town of Danvers, to procure a supply of pure water from Ipswich River ;

To authorize the Arkwright Mutual Fire Insurance Company to accumulate and hold a reserve ; and

To change the name and location of the Northampton Loan and Trust Company ;

Were severally read and ordered to a third reading.

The Resolve to set apart a portion of the land belonging to the Commonwealth in the Back Bay for the use of the State Normal Art-School ; and

Bills :

In addition to an Act to incorporate the Fall River Manufacturers' Mutual Insurance Company ;

Authorizing the clerk of the courts in Hampshire County to draw pay for clerk hire from the county treasury ; and

In further addition to an Act making appropriations for the maintenance of the government during the present year (amended on motion of Mr. Kimball of Boston) ;

Were severally read, passed to be engrossed and sent up for concurrence. The last-named bill, under a suspension of the rule requiring the Clerk to hold the same until the time for reconsideration has expired, was sent immediately to the Senate.

The Bill to establish a state detective force for the better enforcement of the laws, was read and considered.

Amendments moved by Messrs. Kimball and Churchill of Boston were severally adopted, and the bill was passed to be engrossed and sent up for concurrence in the amendments.

At 4.40 the House  
Adjourned.

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SATURDAY, February 6, 1875.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer was offered by the Chaplain.

*Petitions Presented.*

Taunton Great  
River.

By Mr. Nutter of East Bridgewater, remonstrance of Wm. H. Osborne and 107 others, against free fishing in Taunton Great River, and any law increasing the number of fishing days therein. Referred to the committee on the Fisheries.

Chas. W. Baxter.

By Mr. Bowker of Boston, petition of Chas. W. Baxter for reimbursement for damages to a horse attached to his command in the state militia.

By Mr. Pope of Boston, petition of Owen McDonald for compensation for injuries received in the Hoosac Tunnel while in the employ of the Commonwealth. Owen McDon-ald.

Severally referred to the committee on Claims.

By Mr. Hawkes of Lynn, petition of M. B. V. Mower and others, officers of Lynn City Street Railroad Company, for leave to mortgage the property of said company. Lynn Street Railroad.  
Referred to the committee on Street Railways.

By Mr. Boynton of Westborough, petitions of Abbie M. Wilkinson and others, and of Annie E. Taft and others, of Westborough, for modification or repeal of the ten-hour law. Ten-hour law.  
Referred to the committee on the Labor Question.

Severally sent up for concurrence.

### *Orders.*

On motion of Mr. Mitchell of Nantucket,—

*Ordered*, That the committee on the Judiciary consider the expediency of increasing the salary of the sheriff of the county of Nantucket. Sheriff of Nantucket.

The order offered yesterday by Mr. Coolidge of Westminster, and laid over, relative to taking from the files the order and accompanying papers of 1874, relative to the formation of a new county from the Northern Worcester and North-western Middlesex counties, and referring them to a joint special committee, was adopted. New county.

### *Laid on the Table.*

The order offered by Mr. Miner of Phillipston, yesterday, and laid over, relative to appointing a joint special committee to investigate the subject of salaries paid from the treasury to various public officers, and other expenditures, and consider whether any legislation is necessary relative thereto, was, on motion of Mr. King of Boston, laid on the table. State salaries.

### *Papers from the Senate.*

The report of the Deputy State Constable on the schooling and hours of labor of children employed in manufacturing establishments, was referred in concurrence to the committee on the Labor Question. Labor of children.

*Ordered*, In concurrence, that the committee on Public Charitable Institutions consider and report what legisla- Reform School.

tion, if any, is necessary to enable the trustees of the State Reform School at Westborough to provide for the more secure detention of the larger boys in said institution, and to teach useful trades therein.

Also, what legislation, if any, is necessary for the better government of the juvenile wards of the Commonwealth.

Also, to consider and report upon the expediency of providing a separate institution for the more secure detention of the larger and more vicious boys, who, under existing laws, are sent to the houses of correction, and the state reform school.

*Introduced on Leave.*

Daniel McAllister, Jr.

By Mr. Hatheway of Fall River, Resolve in favor of Daniel McAllister, Jr. Read and referred to the committee on Claims. Sent up for concurrence.

Associations.

By the same gentleman, Bill to amend chapter 375 of the Acts of the year 1874, concerning associations for religious, charitable, educational, and for other purposes. Read and referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

*Bills Enacted.*

Bills enacted.

Engrossed bills :

To extend the charter of the Salem Marine Insurance Company ;

(Which originated in the House of Representatives ;)  
and

To change the name of the Third Parish in Abington ;  
(Which originated in the Senate ;)

Were severally passed to be enacted, signed and sent to the Senate.

*Report of a Committee.*

Appropriation bill.

Mr. Cushing of Cambridge, from the committee on Finance, reported a Bill making appropriations for expenses of the State Almshouse, the State Primary School at Monson, the State Prison, the Reform School at Westborough, the Industrial School for Girls, the Bridgewater Workhouse, and for other purposes. Read and ordered to a second reading.

*Orders of the Day.*

Orders of the day.

The report of the committee on Claims (leave to withdraw), on the petition of Wm. A. Easler, for an annuity

on account of injuries received during the late war, was accepted, and sent up for concurrence.

The report of the committee on Printing, that the order relating to the printing of eight hundred additional copies of the report of the Chief Constable of the Commonwealth, ought to be adopted, was accepted, and the order adopted.

The following bills were severally read and ordered to a third reading:—

To amend an Act to provide for the prevention and abatement of nuisances and the preservation of the public health in the cities of Cambridge and Somerville; and

Ceding jurisdiction to the United States over lands used for customs-offices or marine hospitals.

Bills :

To enable the clerk of the town of Warwick, for the year one thousand eight hundred and seventy, to amend his record of the town meeting held September sixth of that year ;

To amend section 19, chapter 146 of the General Statutes, concerning reviews of final judgments in civil actions ;

To authorize the commissioners on the State Hospital for the Insane, in the town of Danvers, to procure a supply of pure water from the Ipswich River ;

To authorize the Arkwright Mutual Fire Insurance Company to accumulate and hold a reserve ; and

To change the name and location of the Northampton Loan and Trust Company ;

Were severally read, passed to be engrossed and sent up for concurrence.

The Speaker announced that he would be absent on Monday next, and designated Mr. Kimball of Boston to take the Chair on that day.

At 12.35 the House

Adjourned.

MONDAY, February 8, 1875.

Met according to adjournment, Mr. Kimball of Boston presiding, in the absence of the Speaker.

Prayer was offered by the Chaplain.

*Petitions Presented.*

By Mr. Haven of Framingham, petitions of Lillie B. Wiley and 32 others, and of M. F. Wiswell and 78 others, <sup>Ten-hour law.</sup>



for a modification or repeal of the ten-hour law. Referred to the committee on Labor Question.

Newton and Watertown.

By Mr. Burr of Newton, petition of George H. Jones and others in aid of, and by Mr. Morris of Watertown, remonstrance of Harrison P. Page and 98 others of Watertown, against, petition of Cornelius Walker, for change of boundary between Newton and Watertown. Referred to the committee on Towns.

Severally sent up for concurrence.

*Introduced on Leave.*

Conditional sale, etc.

By Mr. Meserve of Hopkinton, Bill relating to conditional sale and leases of personal property. Read and referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

*Papers from the Senate.*

Inspectors of provisions.

A Bill to provide for the appointment of inspectors of provisions in cities and towns, passed to be engrossed by the Senate, was read and referred, under the rule, to the committee on the Judiciary.

Increase of salaries.

*Ordered*, In concurrence, that no proposition for an increase of the salary of any officer of the Commonwealth be considered unless presented on or before the first day of March next.

Taunton River fisheries.

The remonstrance of E. D. Weston and 28 others, against any change of the fishery laws appertaining to Taunton Great River, was referred in concurrence to the committee on the Fisheries.

*Taken from the Table.*

Attorney-General's Report.

On motion of Mr. Codman of Boston, the annual report of the Attorney-General. Referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

*Reports of Committees.*

Discharged convicts.

Mr. Day of Norwood, from the committee on Prisons, reported that no legislation is necessary on the annual report of the state agent for aiding discharged convicts for the year ending September 30, 1874.

Highway crossings.

Mr. Codman of Boston, from the committee on the Judiciary, on an order as to the expediency of amending sections 175 and 176, chapter 372, Acts of 1874, relative to rights of persons and corporations to cross highways,

reported, recommending that it be referred to the committee on Railroads.

Severally accepted, under suspension of the rule, and sent up for concurrence.

Mr. Noonan of Boston, from the committee on Printing, reported that the order for printing five hundred extra copies of the report of the Prison Commission, ought to be adopted. Accepted under suspension of the rule, and the order adopted. Prison Commission.

Mr. Goodspeed of Barnstable, from the committee on Public Charitable Institutions, reported that the Resolve in aid of discharged female prisoners ought to pass. Referred under the rule to the committee on Finance. Discharged female prisoners.

Mr. Coffin of Winchester, from the committee on Elections, reported leave to withdraw on the petition of Seorem B. Slate, for a recount of ballots cast for representative in the Third Franklin District. Read and placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow. S. B. Slate.

Mr. Knox of Lawrence, from the committee on the Judiciary, on the petition of the selectmen of Rockland, reported a Bill to dissolve the East Abington Fire District. E. Abington fire district.

Mr. Pope of Boston, from the committee on Insurance, on an order, reported a Bill in relation to the increase and reduction of the capitals of joint stock insurance companies. Capital of insurance companies.

Severally read and ordered to a second reading.

### *Orders of the Day.*

The Bill making appropriations for expenses of the State Almshouse, the State Primary School at Monson, the State Prison, the Reform School at Westborough, the Industrial School for Girls, the Bridgewater Workhouse, and for other purposes, was read and ordered to a third reading. Orders of the day.

### *Bills :*

To amend an Act to provide for the prevention and abatement of nuisances and the preservation of the public health in the cities of Cambridge and Somerville ; and

Ceding jurisdiction to the United States over lands used for customs offices or marine hospitals ;

Were severally read, passed to be engrossed and sent up for concurrence.

At 2.30, the House  
Adjourned.

TUESDAY, February 9, 1875.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer was offered by the Chaplain.

*Petitions Presented.*

J. Simpson.

By Mr. Tompkins of Boston, petition of Joshua Simpson for payment of services rendered the State. Referred to the committee on Claims.

C. F. Coffin—  
Nantucket fisheries.

By Mr. Mitchell of Nantucket, petition of Charles F. Coffin and others for a law prohibiting the drawing of seines or nets for fish in the ponds of the island of Nantucket. Referred to the committee on the Fisheries.

Boston College.

By Mr. Lewis of Fairhaven, petition of Robert Fulton, trustee, that the Boston College have liberty to construct and maintain a wharf at Sconticut Neck, Fairhaven. Referred to the committee on Harbors.

Pegan Brook.

By Mr. Fairbanks of Natick, remonstrance of George J. Townsend and 135 others of South Natick, against petition of the city of Boston and Natick for diversion of waters of Pegan Brook. Referred to the committee on Water Supply and Drainage.

Prohibitory  
law.

By Mr. Dyer of Weymouth, petition of Mrs. L. T. Gracey and 860 other ladies of Weymouth, praying that the Legislature will retain the present prohibitory law upon the statute-book. Referred to the committee on the Liquor Law.

Northampton—  
Mill River disaster.

By Mr. Stone of Northampton, petition of H. K. Starkweather and 67 other citizens of Northampton, for reimbursement of expenditures on roads and bridges destroyed by the Mill River disaster. Referred to the committee on Roads and Bridges.

Severally sent up for concurrence.

Pepperell.

By Mr. Willard of Ayer, petition of selectmen and 55 others, voters of Pepperell, for authority to fund their town debt.

Boston.

By Mr. Kimball of Boston, petitions of S. C. Cobb, mayor of Boston, for the passage of a law authorizing the city of Boston to appoint an assistant treasurer and other officers; and

Jos. H. Allen.

Of Joseph H. Allen, clerk of South Boston municipal court, for an increase of salary, and for leave to appoint an assistant.

Severally referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

On motion of Mr. Sanborn of Boston, the petition of 17th of June. the Bunker Hill Monument Association that the 17th of June may be made a legal holiday, was taken from the files of the House, and referred to the committee on Military Affairs.

Sent up for concurrence.

The annual abstract of certificates of corporations organized under the general laws of Massachusetts, with the Corporation returns. annual returns required by chapter 224, Acts of 1870, was received from the office of the Secretary of State, and referred to the committee on Manufactures.

Sent up for concurrence.

A message was received from His Excellency the Governor, transmitting papers relating to the new state prison, New State Prison. from files of executive department of 1874.

Laid on the table and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Frederick P. Shaw of New Bedford, who had been F. P. Shaw qualified. declared entitled to the seat as representative for the Tenth Bristol District, occupied by Joseph Buckminster, appeared, and was conducted to the Governor and Council by a committee consisting of Messrs. King of Boston and Barker of New Bedford. And having been duly qualified, Mr. Shaw took his seat as a member of the House.

### *Papers from the Senate.*

#### Bills :

To authorize the register of deeds for the Southern District of Middlesex to transcribe certain conveyances and So. Dist. Middlesex Register of Deeds. instruments relating to real estate in Littleton, in said county ; and

To amend section 5 of chapter 21 of the General Statutes, in relation to the registry and return of births, marriages and deaths, passed to be engrossed by the Senate ; Registration returns.

Were severally read, and referred, under the rule, to the committee on the Judiciary.

### *Orders.*

On motion of Mr. King of Boston, the order relative to State salaries. the appointment of a committee to investigate the subject of salaries and other state expenditures, was taken from the table, amended on motion of Mr. Codman of Boston so as to read as follows, and adopted :—

*Ordered,* That a committee of five persons on the part

of the House, with such as the Senate may join, be authorized to investigate the matter of all salaries paid public officers in this Commonwealth from the state treasury, and all other state expenditures, and report whether any legislation is necessary thereon.

Sent up for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. Brigham of Hudson,—

Chief constable.

*Ordered*, That two hundred copies of the report of the Chief Constable of the Commonwealth be allowed to said Chief for the use of himself and his deputies.

On motion of Mr. Codman of Boston,—

Norwich and  
Worcester Rail-  
road.

*Ordered*, That the committee on Finance consider whether any legislation is necessary in relation to the sinking fund of the Norwich and Worcester Railroad Company.

Mr. King of Boston offered the following order, which, on his motion, was laid on the table:—

State salaries.

*Ordered*, That a committee of three be appointed to examine into the expenses of the Commonwealth, and report what retrenchment, if any, can judiciously be made; said committee to have power to send for persons and papers, to sit during the recess, and report to the next General Court.

#### *Reports of Committees.*

Gas inspector.

By Mr. Rust of Boston, from the committee on Mercantile Affairs, that no legislation is necessary on the annual report of the inspector of gas and gas-meters. Read, accepted under a suspension of the rule, and sent up for concurrence.

Water-pipes and  
fixtures.

By Mr. Codman of Boston, from the committee on the Judiciary, to whom was recommitted the Bill to authorize the city of Boston to regulate the construction and use of water-pipes and water-fixtures in said city, with instructions to report a general law applicable to all cities and towns which provide water at the public expense, a bill to authorize cities and towns to regulate the construction and use of water-pipes and water-fixtures. Read and ordered to a second reading.

#### *Bills Enacted.*

Bills enacted.

Engrossed bills :

To change the name of the East Abington Savings Bank ;  
(Which originated in the Senate ;)

To incorporate the Worcester Board of Trade ;  
 In relation to recording mortgages of personal property ;  
 Relating to assistance for district attorneys in certain districts, and amending section 1 of chapter 278 of the Acts of the year 1873 ; and

To amend chapter 286 of the Acts of 1870, entitled " An Act providing for the establishment of true meridian lines, and for regulating the practice of surveying in this state " ;  
 ( Which severally originated in the House of Representatives ; )

Were severally passed to be enacted, signed and sent to the Senate.

### *Resolves Passed.*

Engrossed resolves :

Resolves passed.

To provide for the payment from the treasury of certain educational expenses ; and

In favor of the town of Waltham ;

( Which severally originated in the House of Representatives ; )

Were severally passed, signed and sent to the Senate.

### *Orders of the Day.*

The report of the committee on Elections, leave to withdraw on the petition of Seorem B. Slate, for a recount of ballots cast for representative in the Third Franklin District, was accepted.

Orders of the day.

Bills :

To dissolve the East Abington fire district ; and

In relation to the increase and reduction of the capitals of joint stock insurance companies ;

Were severally read and ordered to a third reading.

The Bill making appropriations for expenses of the State Almshouse, the State Primary School at Monson, the State Prison, the Reform School at Westborough, the Industrial School for Girls, the Bridgewater Workhouse, and for other purposes, was read, passed to be engrossed, and sent up for concurrence.

At 3.25, the House

Adjourned.

WEDNESDAY, February 10, 1875.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer was offered by the Chaplain.

*Petitions Presented.*

Cranberries.

By Mr. Fisk of Dennis, petition of Luther Hall and 62 others, for the establishment of a legal and standard measure of a barrel of cranberries. Referred to the committee on Agriculture.

Acushnet and New Bedford.

By Mr. Lewis of Fairhaven, remonstrance of Edward Ashley and 190 others, against annexing a portion of the town of Acushnet to the city of New Bedford. Referred to the committee on Towns.

Sunderland Bridge.

By Mr. Jones of Deerfield, petition of the towns of Deerfield and Sunderland, for an Act to free Sunderland Bridge. Referred to the committee on Roads and Bridges.

J. H. Lamson.

By Mr. Wellington of Cambridge, petition of John H. Lamson, for state bounty. Referred to the committee on Claims.

Winchester water.

By Mr. Coffin of Winchester, petition of water commissioners of Winchester, for an Act amending chapter 277 of the Acts of 1873, in relation to supplying said town with pure water. Referred to the committee on Water Supply and Drainage.

J. J. Fatal.

By Mr. Kendall of Cambridge, petition of John J. Fatal and others, for a law preventing the city of Cambridge from collecting certain assessments for betterments. Referred to the committee on Mercantile Affairs.

Severally sent up for concurrence.

*Introduced on Leave.*

Suffolk probate office.

By Mr. Bowman of Somerville, a Bill in relation to the probate office in the county of Suffolk. Read and referred to the committee on Probate and Chancery.

*Orders.*

Prison Commissioners.

On motion of Mr. Noonan of Boston,—

*Ordered*, That three hundred copies of the annual report of the Prison Commissioners be allowed to said commissioners for distribution.

Liens.

On motion of Mr. Rice of Worcester,—

*Ordered*, That the committee on the Judiciary consider

whether any amendment is necessary to chapter 150 of the General Statutes, relative to liens on buildings and land for the protection of the owners of buildings and land from debts due from contractors.

*Papers from the Senate.*

The petition of Samuel N. Brown and others, for an Act of incorporation as the Shawmut Mutual Fire Insurance Company in the city of Boston, was referred in concurrence to the committee on Insurance. Shawmut Ins. Co.

A Bill to provide for a lien upon real estate for the expense of the abatement of certain nuisances, was read and referred, under the rule, to the committee on the Judiciary. Lien.

*Ordered,* In concurrence, that the committee on Constitutional Amendment consider the expediency of amending the Constitution, so that when the chair of the governor shall become vacant by reason of death, resignation, removal or otherwise, of the governor, the lieutenant-governor, upon assuming the duties of the chair, shall succeed to the title and salary of the office. Constitutional amendment.

*Ordered,* In concurrence, that the committee on Water Supply and Drainage be authorized to send for persons and papers on the petitions of the mayor of Boston and selectmen of Natick to construct a sewer for the purpose of diverting the waters of Pegan Brook. Pegan Brook.

The report of the committee on Prisons, that no legislation is necessary on the annual report of the board of inspectors of the State Prison, was accepted in concurrence. Prison Inspectors.

The Bill to establish a state detective force for the better enforcement of the laws came down with an amendment to one of the amendments adopted by the House. On motion of Mr. Bowman of Somerville, the amendment adopted by the Senate was amended, and as amended concurred in, and the bill was sent at once to the Senate for concurrence in the House amendment. State detectives.

*Reports of Committees.*

By Mr. Curtis of Lenox, from the committee on Agriculture, on the annual report of the Cattle Commissioners, a Resolve in relation to the extermination of contagious Cattle Commissioners.



cattle diseases. Read and referred in course to the committee on Finance.

Wm. Taylor.

By Mr. Coffin of Winchester, from the committee on Elections, leave to withdraw on petition of William Taylor, for recount of ballots for representatives from the Second Suffolk District.

Claims for damages.

By Mr. Rice of Worcester, from the committee on the Judiciary, inexpedient to legislate, on the order relative to legislation to protect towns and cities against unfounded claims for damages.

Severally read and placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

Registration returns.

By Mr. Morse of Boston, from the committee on the Judiciary, that the Senate Bill to amend section 5 of chapter 21 of the General Statutes, in relation to the registry and return of births, marriages and deaths, ought to pass. Placed in the orders of the day for a second reading to-morrow.

S. D. Hood.

The Speaker announced the appointment of Mr. Hood of Topsfield on the committee on Public Buildings, to fill a vacancy caused by the unseating of Mr. Potter of Topsfield.

F. P. Shaw.

Also, the appointment of Mr. Shaw of New Bedford on the committee on Water Supply and Drainage, to fill a vacancy caused by the unseating of Mr. Buckminster of the same city.

### *Orders of the Day.*

Orders of the day.

The Bill to authorize cities and towns to regulate the construction and use of water-pipes and water-fixtures was read and ordered to a third reading.

Bills :

To dissolve the East Abington Fire District ; and

In relation to the increase and reduction of the capitals of joint stock insurance companies (amended on motion of Mr. Long of Hingham) ;

Were severally read, passed to be engrossed and sent up for concurrence.

At 3.05, the House  
Adjourned.

THURSDAY, February 11, 1875.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer was offered by the Rev. Mr. Warren, Chaplain of the Senate.

*Petitions Presented.*

By Mr. Robinson of Falmouth, petition of William Nye Cranberries. and others of Falmouth, for the establishment of a legal and standard measure of a barrel of cranberries. Referred to the committee on Agriculture.

By Mr. Babson of Gloucester, petition of Smith & Gott Inspector-General of Fish. and others of Gloucester, that the office of inspector-general of fish may be abolished. Referred to the committee on the Fisheries.

By Mr. Sanford of Taunton, the remonstrance of Ella Ten-hour law. Safford and others, against any amendment of the ten-hour law that shall increase the hours of labor for women. Referred to the committee on the Labor Question.

Mr. Kimball of Boston presented the annual report of State Directors, B. & A. R. R. the state directors of the Boston and Albany Railroad Company. Referred to the committee on Railroads.

These papers were severally sent up for concurrence.

*Introduced on Leave.*

By Mr. Smalley of Harwich, a Bill in addition to an Act Brewster shell-fisheries. concerning the shell-fisheries in the town of Brewster. Read and referred to the committee on the Fisheries, and sent up for concurrence.

*Committees Appointed.*

The following gentlemen were appointed the committee State salaries. on the part of the House on the order relative to state salaries and expenditures: Messrs. Miner of Phillipston, Pierce of Malden, Sanborn of Boston, Whitney of Ashburnham and Keith of Brockton.

The following gentlemen were appointed the committee New county. on the part of the House on the order relative to a new county: Messrs. Hale of Boston, Plunkett of Pittsfield, Blunt of Haverhill, Goodspeed of Barnstable, Long of Hingham, Mitchell of Nantucket, Abbe of Springfield and Hodges of Quincy.

Severally sent up to be joined.

*Taken from the Table.*

**State salaries.** On motion of Mr. King of Boston, the order offered by him, February 9, relative to expenses of the Commonwealth, was taken from the table, and indefinitely postponed.

*Bill Enacted.*

**Bill enacted.** The Bill to establish a state detective force for the better enforcement of the laws (which originated in the Senate), was passed to be enacted, signed and sent to the Senate.

*Orders.*

**Uncollected taxes.** On motion of Mr. Truell of Lawrence,—  
*Ordered*, That the committee on the Judiciary consider the expediency of amending section 2, chapter 12, of the General Statutes, so that a collector of taxes, upon the expiration of his term of office, may turn over all unfinished collections of taxes to his successor.

**Forests.** On motion of Mr. Copeland of Springfield,—  
*Ordered*, That the committee on Agriculture inquire what legislation, if any, is expedient for the purpose of encouraging the growth and preservation of forests in Massachusetts.

*Papers from the Senate.*

**Westfield and Agawam Rivers.** A Bill to regulate the fisheries in the Westfield and Agawam rivers, introduced on leave in the Senate, was read and referred in concurrence to the committee on the Fisheries.

**Cape Cod Ship Canal Co.** The petition of the Cape Cod Ship Canal Company for extension of time for commencing its construction, was referred in concurrence to the committee on Harbors.

*Reports of Committees.*

**False bank checks.** By Mr. Rice of Worcester, from the committee on the Judiciary, inexpedient to legislate on an order relative to legislation against obtaining money on checks on banks in which the drawer has no funds.

**Business titles.** By Mr. Pierce of Milton, from the same committee, leave to withdraw on the petition of Edward B. Oliver and others for a law to protect business titles as trademarks.

**Moses F. Carr.** By Mr. Coffin of Winchester, from the committee on Elections, leave to withdraw on the petition of Moses

F. Carr for a recount of ballots for representative for the Seventeenth Essex District.

Severally read and placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

By Mr. Codman of Boston, from the committee on the Judiciary, that the Senate Bill to provide for the appointment of inspectors of provisions in cities and towns ought to pass. Inspectors of provisions.

By Mr. Heywood of Concord, from the same committee, that the Senate Bill to authorize the register of deeds for the Southern District of Middlesex to transcribe certain conveyances and instruments relating to real estate in Littleton, in said county, ought to pass. So. Middlesex Dist. Reg. of Deeds.

Severally placed in the orders of the day for a second reading to-morrow.

By Mr. Morse of Boston, from the same committee, that the House Bill relative to bonds to dissolve attachments, and in writs of review, which was recommitted to the committee, ought to pass in a new draft. Bonds to dissolve attachments.

By Mr. Pierce of Milton, from the same committee, that the House Bill (on leave) relating to the recording of certain instruments affecting the title of real estate, ought to pass in a new draft. Records of title.

By Mr. Knox of Lawrence, from the same committee, on the petition of the mayor of Lawrence, a Bill in addition to an Act to supply the city of Lawrence with water. Lawrence.

By the same gentleman, from the same committee, on the petition of the mayor of Fall River, a Bill to authorize the city of Fall River to fund its floating debt. Fall River.

Severally read and ordered to a second reading.

By Mr. Goodspeed of Barnstable, from the committee on Public Charitable Institutions, on the petition of the managers of that institution, a Resolve in favor of the Massachusetts Charitable Eye and Ear Infirmary. Read and referred, under the rule, to the committee on Finance. Mass. Eye and Ear Infirmary.

### *Orders of the Day.*

#### **Reports :**

Of the committee on Elections, leave to withdraw on the petition of William Taylor for recount of ballots for representatives from the Second Suffolk District; and

Of the committee on the Judiciary, inexpedient to

Orders of the day.

legislate on the order relative to legislation to protect towns and cities against unfounded claims for damages ;

Were severally accepted.

The Bill to amend section 5 of chapter 21 of the General Statutes, in relation to the registry and return of births, marriages and deaths, was read and ordered to a third reading.

The Bill to authorize cities and towns to regulate the construction and use of water-pipes and water-fixtures was read, passed to be engrossed, and sent up for concurrence.

At 2.45, the House  
Adjourned.

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FRIDAY, February 12, 1875.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer was offered by the Chaplain.

*Petitions Presented.*

Taunton Lunatic Asylum.

By Mr. Churchill of Boston, petition of the trustees of the State Lunatic Asylum at Taunton, for an appropriation.

School for Idiotic Youth.

By Mr. Goodspeed of Barnstable, the petition of the trustees of the Massachusetts School for Idiotic and Feeble-minded Youth, for an additional appropriation to defray its current expenses.

Severally referred to the committee on Public Charitable Institutions.

Lynn.

By Mr. Hawkes of Lynn, petition of the mayor of Lynn, for an Act to increase the water-supply of the city of Lynn. Referred to the committee on Water Supply and Drainage.

Lee and New Haven Railroad.

By Mr. May of Lee, petition of the Lee and New Haven Railroad Company, for extension of time of construction, and for other purposes. Referred to the committee on Railroads.

Great Pond fisheries.

By Mr. Fairbanks of Natick, the petition of Ira Felch and 272 others, for the repeal of laws restricting the right to fish in the great ponds and rivers of the State. Referred to the committee on the Fisheries.

Severally sent up for concurrence.

*Orders.*

On motion of Mr. Codman of Boston,—

*Ordered*, That the committee on the Judiciary consider Associations. whether any amendments are necessary to chapter 375 of the Acts of 1874, concerning associations for religious, charitable, educational and other purposes.

On motion of Mr. Ropes of Boston,—

*Ordered*, That the committee on the Judiciary consider Municipal indebtedness. the expediency of reporting a general law to limit the indebtedness of cities and towns.

*Papers from the Senate.*

A Bill to repeal chapter 385 of the Acts of 1874, to Reformatory prison for women. establish a reformatory prison for women, introduced on leave in the Senate, was read and referred, in concurrence, to the committee on Prisons.

The House Resolve to set apart a portion of the lands of State Normal Art-School. the Commonwealth in the Back Bay for the use of the State Normal Art-School, was referred, in concurrence, to the committee on Public Lands.

*Member Qualified.*

Mr. Edmond M. Vincent of Heath, declared by a reso- E. M. Vincent. lution of the House entitled to a seat as representative for the Fifth Franklin District, appeared, and was conducted to the Governor and Council by a committee consisting of Messrs. Keith of Greenfield and May of Lee, and, having been qualified, took his seat as a member of the House.

*Reports of Committees.*

By Mr. Noonan of Boston, from the committee on Harbor Commissioners. Printing, that the order authorizing the printing of three thousand additional copies of the report of the Harbor Commissioners ought to be adopted. Under a suspension of the rules, moved by the same gentleman, the report was accepted and the order was adopted.

By Mr. Pope of Boston, from the committee on Insur- Charters of insurance companies. ance, on an order, a Bill to extend the charters of certain insurance companies.

By Mr. Gardner of Palmer, from the same committee, Fire districts. on an order, a Bill concerning the alteration of the limits of fire districts,

Severally read and ordered to a second reading.

*Enacted Bills.*

Bills enacted.

Engrossed bills :

In addition to an Act to incorporate the Fall River Manufacturers' Mutual Insurance Company ;

Concerning the recording of liens under chapter 150 of the General Statutes ; and

To permit the payment of certain bills by the city of Boston ;

( Which severally originated in the House of Representatives ; )

Were severally passed to be enacted, signed and sent to the Senate.

*Orders of the Day.*

Orders of the day.

Reports :

Of the committee on the Judiciary, inexpedient to legislate on an order relative to legislation against obtaining money on checks on banks in which the drawer has no funds ;

Of same committee, leave to withdraw on petition of Edward B. Oliver and others, for a law to protect business titles as trade-marks ; and

Of the committee on Elections, leave to withdraw on petition of Moses F. Carr, for a recount of ballots for representative for the Seventeenth Essex District ;

Were severally accepted.

Bills :

To authorize the register of deeds for the Southern District of Middlesex to transcribe certain conveyances and instruments relating to real estate in Littleton, in said county ;

To provide for the appointment of inspectors of provisions in cities and towns (amended on motion of Mr. Long of Hingham) ;

Relative to bonds to dissolve attachments and in writs of review ;

Relating to the recording of certain investments affecting the title of real estate ;

In addition to an Act to supply the city of Lawrence with water ; and

To authorize the city of Fall River to fund its floating debt ;

Were severally read and ordered to a third reading.

The Bill to amend section 5 of chapter 21 of the General Statutes, in relation to the registry and return of births,

marriages and deaths, was read and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

At 4.15, the House  
Adjourned.

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SATURDAY, February 13, 1875.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer was offered by the Chaplain.

*Petitions Presented.*

By Mr. Thurston of Cambridge, petition of the city of Cambridge for authority to issue additional scrip or bonds. Referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. Haven of Framingham, the petitions of Julia E. Eaton and 91 others; Clara E. Parker and 60 others; and Jennie A. Marsh and 130 others, for the modification or repeal of the ten-hour law. Referred to the committee on the Labor Question, and sent up for concurrence.

The sixth annual report of the Board of Railroad Commissioners was received, referred to the committee on Railroads, and sent up for concurrence.

*Orders.*

On motion of Mr. Hillman of Chilmark,—

*Ordered*, That the committee on the Judiciary consider the expediency of legislation to secure the prompt collection of taxes.

On motion of Mr. Pierce of Milton,—

*Ordered*, That the committee on the Judiciary consider the expediency of repealing section 60 of chapter 415 of the Acts of 1869, relating to precedence and continuance of liquor cases.

*Report of a Committee.*

By Mr. Fisk of Dennis, from the committee on Claims, leave to withdraw on petition of Charles Hovey for reimbursement of money overpaid to the Insurance Commissioner. Read and placed in the orders of the day for Monday.

*Introduced on Leave.*

By Mr. Knox of Lawrence, a Bill in relation to the



Powers of district-attorneys.

powers of District-Attorneys. Read and referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

*Enacted Bills.*

Bills enacted.

Engrossed bills :

To authorize the Arkwright Mutual Fire Insurance Company to accumulate and hold a reserve ; and

To change the name and location of the Northampton Loan and Trust Company ;

(Which severally originated in the House of Representatives ;)

Were severally passed to be enacted, signed and sent to the Senate.

*Papers from the Senate.*

T. McQuillan and T. Flynn.

The petitions of Thomas McQuillan and Thomas Flynn for state aid were severally referred in concurrence to the committee on Claims.

State securities.

The report of the committee on Expenditures on an order in relation to the securities in the office of the Treasurer and Receiver-General, was read and accepted in concurrence, under a suspension of the rule.

*Orders of the Day.*

Orders of the day.

Bills :

Concerning the alteration of limits of fire districts ; and  
To extend the charters of certain insurance companies ;  
Were severally read and ordered to a third reading.

Bills :

To authorize the register of deeds for the Southern District of Middlesex to transcribe certain conveyances and instruments relating to real estate in Littleton, in said county ; and

To provide for the appointment of inspectors of provisions in cities and towns ;

Were severally read and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

Bills :

Relative to bonds to dissolve attachments and in writs of review ;

In addition to an Act to supply the city of Lawrence with water ; and

To authorize the city of Fall River to fund its floating debt ;

Were severally read, passed to be engrossed and sent up for concurrence.

The Bill relating to the recording of certain instruments affecting the title of real estate, was read and passed to be engrossed.

Subsequently, on motion of Mr. Williams of Brookline, the vote whereby the bill was passed to be engrossed was reconsidered, under a suspension of the rules, and the question recurring on passing the bill to be engrossed, it was negatived, and the bill rejected.

At 12.25, the House  
Adjourned.

MONDAY, February 15, 1875.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer was offered by the Rev. Mr. Massey of Bellingham, a member of the House.

*Petitions Presented.*

By Mr. Pope of Boston, petition of the Mill Owners' Fire Insurance Company, for an amendment of charter. Mill Owners' Fire Ins. Co.  
Referred to the committee on Insurance.

By Mr. Williams of Brookline, petition of the Massachusetts Medical Society for the appointment of a commission to investigate the use of running streams as common sewers in relation to the public health. Mass. Medical Society.  
Referred to the committee on Water Supply and Drainage.

By Mr. Goodspeed of Barnstable, petition of F. P. Jones and others, for the establishment of a fixed legal standard measure of a barrel of cranberries. Cranberries.  
Referred to the committee on Agriculture.

By Mr. Le Baron of Middleborough, petition of the selectmen of Middleborough, for rent for armory. Middleborough.  
Referred to the committee on Claims.

By Mr. Thompson of Foxborough, petition of Ellen G. Richmond and 210 others, for repeal or modification of the ten-hour law. Ten-hour law.  
Referred to the committee on the Labor Question.

Severally sent up for concurrence.

By Mr. Pope of Boston, petition of Maurice Morey, for a hearing in reference to his having been wrongfully imprisoned. Maurice Morey.  
Referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

*Introduced on Leave.*Connecticut  
River—fishing.

By Mr. Copeland of Springfield, a Bill to extend the time for taking shad in the Connecticut River with rod and line. Read and referred to the committee on the Fisheries, and sent up for concurrence.

Adoption of  
children.

By Mr. Perkins of Boston, a Bill concerning the adoption of children. Read and referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

*Orders.*Mutual fire in-  
surance com-  
panies.

On motion of Mr. Pope of Boston,—

*Ordered*, That the committee on Insurance consider the expediency of repealing section 57 of chapter 58 of the General Statutes, in order that mutual fire insurance companies organized under the general law may have the same privilege of doing business out of the State which has been granted to companies having special charters.

Sent up for concurrence.

Crocker's Notes  
on the Statutes.

On motion of Mr. Long of Hingham,—

*Ordered*, That the committee on Finance consider the expediency of purchasing copies of the new edition of "Crocker's Notes on the Statutes" for distribution in the same manner in which the Massachusetts Reports are now distributed.

State salaries.

Mr. Pierce of Malden asked to be excused from serving on the committee to investigate State Salaries and Expenses, for the reason that he is himself a state officer, receiving a salary as such. The request was granted.

*Reports of Committees.*

Vienna reports.

Mr. Torrey of South Scituate, from the joint committee on Printing, reported a plan of distribution of the reports of the Commissioners to the Vienna Exposition, in compliance with instructions from the House.

Prisons—Ad-  
visory Board.

By Mr. Bosworth of Taunton, from the committee on Prisons, inexpedient to legislate on an order relative to making the Advisory Board of Women Overseers a part of the Board of Commissioners of Prisons.

Severally read and placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

Precedence of  
liquor trials.

Mr. Codman of Boston, from the committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred a Bill (on leave) in relation to the powers of district-attorneys, and on an order,

reported a Bill to repeal section 60 of chapter 415 of the Acts of 1869. Read and ordered to a second reading.

*Orders of the Day.*

Bills :

Orders of the day.

Concerning the alteration of limits of fire districts ; and  
To extend the charters of certain insurance companies ;  
Were severally read, passed to be engrossed and sent up for concurrence.

The report of the committee on Claims, leave to withdraw on the petition of Charles Hovey for reimbursement of money overpaid to the Insurance Commissioner, was amended, on motion of Mr. Tyler of Lowell, by substituting therefor a Resolve in favor of Charles Hovey, which was read and referred, in course, to the committee on Finance.

At 2.30, the House  
Adjourned.

TUESDAY, February 16, 1875.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer was offered by the Chaplain.

*Petitions Presented.*

By Mr. King of Boston, petition of inhabitants of the town of Mashpee, for the right to regulate the eel fishery within the limits of said town. Referred to the committee on the Fisheries. Mashpee—eel fishery.

By Mr. Keith of Sandwich, petition of Calvin Crowell and others of Sandwich ; and by Mr. Fisk of Dennis, petition of Edward E. Crowell and others of Dennis, for the establishment of a legal and standard measure of a barrel of cranberries. Severally referred to the committee on Agriculture. Cranberries.

These papers were severally sent up for concurrence.

By Mr. Gardner of Palmer, petition of John McCutcheon and others, relative to the testimony of trustees under the trustee process. Referred to the committee on the Judiciary. Trustee process.

*Orders.*

On motion of Mr. Allen of Duxbury,—

*Ordered,* That the committee on the Labor Question be

Children in  
manufacturing  
establishments.

directed to examine and report what legislation is necessary in place of section 4, chapter 285 of the Acts of 1867, to provide for the enforcement of the law relating to the schooling and hours of labor of children employed in manufacturing and mechanical establishments, said section having been repealed by the passage of an Act to establish a state detective force.

Fees of registers  
and clerks of  
courts.

On motion of Mr. King of Boston,—

*Ordered*, That the select committee on State Salaries and Expenditures be instructed to ascertain the amount of compensation by fees received by each register of deeds, and each clerk of a state court in this Commonwealth, and inquire into the expediency of paying all such officers by salary, and requiring all fees received by them to be paid into the state treasury.

Severally sent up for concurrence.

Boston—  
amendment of  
charter.

On motion of Mr. Codman of Boston,—

*Ordered*, That the committee on the Judiciary consider and report what amendments are necessary to be made to the city charter of the city of Boston to secure a better administration of the government of said city.

New Bedford—  
charter.

On motion of Mr. Peirce of New Bedford,—

*Ordered*, That the committee on the Judiciary consider the expediency of revising and amending the city charter of New Bedford, and to report by bill such revision as they may deem proper.

Mr. Moseley of Boston offered the following order, which was referred, under the rule, to the committee on Printing:—

Vienna reports.

*Ordered*, That three thousand copies of the report of the Commissioners to the Vienna Exposition be printed.

#### *Introduced on Leave.*

Insurance by  
local associa-  
tions.

By Mr. Hale of Boston, a Bill relating to the powers of local associations for religious, charitable, benevolent and other purposes. Referred to the committee on Insurance, and sent up for concurrence.

Registers of  
Deeds.

By Mr. Morse of Boston, a Bill concerning the custody of original papers by registers of deeds. Referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

Wills.

By the same gentleman, a Bill concerning wills of deceased persons. Referred to the committee on Probate and Chancery.

*Bill Enacted.*

An engrossed Bill to authorize the commissioners on the state hospital for the insane in the town of Danvers to procure a supply of pure water from Ipswich River (which originated in the House of Representatives), was passed to be enacted, signed and sent to the Senate. Bill enacted.

*Papers from the Senate.*

The report of the joint committee on Printing, ought to be adopted, on an order relative to binding five hundred copies of the Report and Appendix of the corproators of the Boston, Hoosac Tunnel and Western Railroad, accepted by the Senate, was read and placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow. Boston, Hoosac Tunnel and Western Railroad.

Papers were referred in concurrence as follows :—

Petition of Josiah Quincy and associates, for incorporation as the Wollaston Railway and Dock Company, to the committee on Mercantile Affairs. Wollaston Railway and Dock Co.

Remonstrance of residents of the towns of Dover and Needham, against proposed plan of the town of Natick to empty the sewage of said town through Pegan Brook into Charles River, to the committee on Water Supply and Drainage. Pegan Brook.

Petition of the Evangelical Congregational Society of East Cambridge, for leave to sell land and other property, and to appropriate proceeds of sale, to the committee on Parishes and Religious Societies. Congregational Society of East Cambridge.

*Reports of Committees.*

By Mr. Coffin of Winchester, from the committee on Elections, leave to withdraw on petition of Dennis G. Quirk for the seat occupied by James A. McDonald as representative from the First Middlesex District. D. G. Quirk.

By the same gentleman, from the same committee, leave to withdraw on petition of William A. Haskell for the seat occupied by Harrison Closson as representative from the Fifteenth Essex District. W. A. Haskell.

By Mr. Beal of Cohasset, from the committee on Harbors, leave to withdraw on petition of Robert Fulton, trustee of Boston College, to construct and maintain a wharf at Sconticut Neck, Fairhaven. Boston College.

Severally read and placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

Hayden Foundry and Machine Co.

By Mr. Gardner of Palmer, from the committee on the Judiciary, on petition of Joel Hayden, a Bill to confirm the organization and proceedings of the Hayden Foundry and Machine Company.

Uniforms for state prison officers.

By Mr. Merrill of Boston, from the committee on Prisons, on an order, a Bill repealing section 2 of chapter 193 of the Acts of 1873.

Severally read and ordered to a second reading.

Brewster shell-fisheries.

By Mr. Hillman of Chilmark, from the committee on the Fisheries, that the Bill, on leave, in addition to an Act concerning the shell-fisheries in the town of Brewster, ought to pass. Placed in the orders of the day for a second reading to-morrow.

### *Orders of the Day.*

Orders of the day.

The report of the committee on Printing, relative to distribution of the reports of the Commissioners to the Vienna Exposition, was, on motion of Mr. Torrey of South Scituate, laid on the table.

The report of the committee on Prisons, inexpedient to legislate on an order relative to making the Advisory Board of Women Overseers a part of the Board of Commissioners of Prisons, was accepted and sent up for concurrence, motions to lay on the table and to recommit with instructions having been negatived.

The Bill to repeal section 60, chapter 415 of the Acts of 1869, was read, debated and ordered to a third reading by a vote of 87 to 67, the previous question having been ordered on motion of Mr. Noonan of Boston, and a call for the yeas and nays having been refused by the House.

At 4.05, the House  
Adjourned.

WEDNESDAY, February 17, 1875.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer was offered by the Chaplain.

### *Petitions Presented.*

E. E. Hale—life insurance.

By Mr. Hale of Boston, petition of Edward E. Hale and others, for legislation with reference to a certain form of life insurance. Referred to the committee on Insurance.

By Mr. Smalley of Harwich, petition of S. H. Gould and 27 others, for the establishment of a standard legal measure of a barrel of cranberries. Referred to the committee on Agriculture. Cranberries.

By Mr. Savage of Taunton, petition of John A. Williams and others, for an amendment of section 3, chapter 401, Acts of 1855, so as to extend the boundaries of fisheries in Taunton Great River. Referred to the committee on the Fisheries. Taunton Great River.

By Mr. Geer of West Springfield, remonstrance of Andrew Bartholomew and others, against the petition of William Birnie and others, so far as it may relate to "Darby Brook." Referred to the committee on Water Supply and Drainage. Wm. Birnie.

By Mr. Fairbanks of Natick, petition of Georgianna Davis, for state aid for Clara E. Attleton, her ward. Referred to the committee on Claims. Georgianna Davis—Clara E. Attleton.

By Mr. Bowman of Somerville, petition of the Boston, Lynn and Peabody Railway Company, for the extension of its charter. Referred to the committee on Street Railways. Boston, Lynn and Peabody Railroad Co.

Severally sent up for concurrence.

By Mr. Heywood of Worcester, petition of the town of Princeton, for leave to sell real estate. Referred to the committee on the Judiciary. Princeton.

The Ninth Annual Report of the Board of Harbor Commissioners was received, referred to the committee on Harbors, and sent up for concurrence. Harbor Commissioners.

#### *Introduced on Leave.*

By Mr. Fairbanks of Natick, Bill to authorize the towns in the Commonwealth to pay bounties to soldiers. Referred to the committee on Military Affairs. Soldiers' bounties.

By Mr. Williams of Brookline, Bill to authorize the town of Brookline to supply water to the city of Boston. Referred to the committee on Water Supply and Drainage. Brookline—water-supply to Boston.

Severally sent up for concurrence.

By Mr. Sanderson of Templeton, Bill relating to laborers on railroads in process of construction. Laborers on railroads.

By Mr. Williams of Brookline, Bill to authorize the town of Brookline to issue bonds for the purpose of funding its debts. Brookline—debt.

Severally read and referred to the committee on the Judiciary.



*Reports of Committees.*

Dukes County  
Register and  
Judge of Pro-  
bate.

By Mr. Osgood of Salem, from the committee on Probate and Chancery, asking to be discharged from further consideration of the orders relative to

Expediency of increasing the salary of the register of probate for Dukes County; and

Expediency of increasing the salary of the judge of probate for Dukes County; also the

Hampden  
County Register  
of Probate.

Bill, on leave, to establish the salary of the register of probate and insolvency for the County of Hampden;

And recommending that they be severally referred to the joint select committee on State Salaries and Expenditures.

On motion of the same gentleman, the rule was suspended, the report was accepted, and the several papers were so referred and sent up for concurrence.

Religious and  
other associa-  
tions.

By Mr. Codman of Boston, from the committee on the Judiciary, on an order of the House, and a Bill, on leave, to amend chapter 375, Acts of 1874, a Bill to amend chapter 375 of the Acts of the year 1874, entitled "An Act concerning associations for religious, charitable, educational and other purposes." Read and ordered to a second reading.

Nantucket  
ponds.

By Mr. Hillman of Chilmark, from the committee on Fisheries, asking that they be discharged from further consideration of the petition of Charles F. Coffin and others for a law prohibiting the drawing of seines or nets for fish in the ponds on the island of Nantucket, and that the same be referred to the committee on the Judiciary for their decision on the right of the State to control said ponds.

Under suspension of the rule, the report was accepted and sent up for concurrence.

Salem Frater-  
nity.

By Mr. Hawkes of Lynn, from the committee on Mercantile Affairs, leave to withdraw on the petition of Henry Wheatland and others for an Act incorporating the Salem Fraternity.

Middlesex and  
Metropolitan  
railways.

By Mr. Carney of Boston, from the committee on Street Railways, inexpedient to legislate on the order relative to commutation checks on the Middlesex and Metropolitan street railways.

Severally read, accepted under a suspension of the rule, and sent up for concurrence.

*Orders.*

On motion of Mr. Howes of Ashfield,—

*Ordered*, That the committee on Towns consider the expediency of so amending section 31, chapter 18 of the General Statutes, that the selectmen, assessors and overseers of the poor may be chosen for three years, as the school committee is chosen. Overscers of  
Poor, &c.

Sent up for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. Bowker of Boston,—

*Ordered*, That the committee on the Judiciary consider if any further legislation is required to prevent fraud at elections, and preserve the purity of the ballot-box. Election frauds.

On motion of Mr. Pratt of Boston,—

*Ordered*, That the committee on the Judiciary consider the expediency of so amending section 72 of chapter 161 of the General Statutes, that wheels, mill-gear and machinery of steam-mills shall have the same protection against wilful and malicious injury as is provided by said section for the wheels, mill-gear and machinery of a water-mill. Steam-mills.

On motion of Mr. Morse of Boston,—

*Ordered*, That the committee on the Judiciary consider the expediency of extending the provisions of the 10th section of chapter 29 of the General Statutes to the records and files of all public officers and boards of public officers. Records of  
public officers.

*Bills Enacted.*

Engrossed bills :

Bills enacted.

To include the town of East Bridgewater within the judicial district of the First District Court of Plymouth ; and

Making appropriations for the maintenance of the government during the present year,

(Which severally originated in the House of Representatives ; ) also

To amend section 5 of chapter 21 of the General Statutes in relation to the registry and returns of births, marriages and deaths ; and

To authorize the register of deeds for the Southern District of Middlesex County to transcribe certain conveyances and instruments relating to Littleton, in said county ;

(Which severally originated in the Senate ; )

Were severally passed to be enacted, signed and sent to the Senate.

*Papers from the Senate.*

Railroad employés.

*Ordered*, In concurrence, that the committee on Railroads inquire what further legislation is necessary to secure the safety of the lives and limbs of railroad employés.

New county.

*Ordered*, In concurrence, that the committee on the "Division of Worcester County" be authorized to employ clerical assistance.

Papers were referred, in concurrence, as follows:—

E. Crane et als.

Petition of Artemas R. Holden and others for the passage of an Act to incorporate the Boston and Chicago Railway Trust Company, to the committee on Railroads.

Squantum.

Petition of George Clark, Jr., and 20 others, for the annexation of Squantum to Boston, to the committee on Towns.

A. Withington.

Petition of Alonzo Withington for state aid, to the committee on Claims.

Connecticut River.

Petition of the commissioners of Hampshire County, the selectmen of the towns of Northampton, Hadley and Amherst, and the Massachusetts Central Railroad Company, for legislation to enable them to protect public and private property from the encroachments of the Connecticut River in the town of Hadley, to the committee on Roads and Bridges.

Pittsfield water supply.

The House Bill in addition to an Act for supplying the town of Pittsfield with pure water, came down from the Senate, passed to be engrossed in a new draft, and was read and referred, under the rule, to the committee on the Judiciary.

*Orders of the Day.*

Orders of the day.

The report of the joint committee on Printing, ought to be adopted, on an order relative to binding 500 copies of the Report and Appendix of the corporators of the Boston, Hoosac Tunnel and Western Railroad, was accepted, in concurrence.

The report of the committee on Harbors, leave to withdraw on the petition of Robert Fulton, trustee of Boston College, to construct and maintain a wharf at Sconticut Neck, Fairhaven, was accepted and sent up for concurrence.

The report of the committee on Elections, leave to withdraw on the petition of Dennis G. Quirk for the seat occupied by James A. McDonald, as representative from the First Middlesex District, was, on motion of Mr. Hale of Boston, postponed for consideration until to-morrow, pending a motion by Mr. Pierce of Milton to recommit to the committee, with instructions to hear the evidence in the case.

**Bills :**

To confirm the organization and proceedings of the Hayden Foundry and Machine Company ; and

In addition to an Act concerning the shell-fisheries of the town of Brewster,

Were severally read and ordered to a third reading.

The report of the committee on Elections, leave to withdraw on the petition of William A. Haskell for the seat occupied by Harrison Closson, as representative from the Fifteenth Essex District, was considered.

On motion of Mr. Smith of Dudley, the report was recommitted, with instructions to the committee on Elections to count the votes for representatives from the Fifteenth Essex District.

At 5.15, the House  
Adjourned.

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THURSDAY, February 18, 1875.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer was offered by the Chaplain.

*Petitions Presented.*

By Mr. Copeland of Springfield, petition of the Fourth Congregational Society of Springfield, for change of name. Fourth Congregational Society of Springfield.

By Mr. Keith of Brockton, petition of the Second Methodist Episcopal Church of North Bridgewater, for change of name. Second M. E. Church of No. Bridgewater.

Severally referred to the committee on Parishes and Religious Societies.

By Mr. Kimball of Boston, petition of F. W. Lincoln, that the Overseers of the Poor of the city of Boston may have authority to hold additional real estate. Referred to the committee on Public Charitable Institutions. Boston—Overseers of Poor.

Hampshire Ins.  
Company.

By Mr. Gaylord of Northampton, petition of the Hampshire Mutual Fire Insurance Company, for extension of charter. Referred to the committee on Insurance.

Menemsha  
Creek.

By Mr. Hillman of Chilmark, petition of John W. Mayhew and others of Chilmark, for an appropriation to improve Menemsha Creek. Referred to the committee on Harbors.

Fitchburg.

By Mr. Holden of Westminster, petition of the mayor and aldermen of Fitchburg, for reimbursement of money paid for rent of armory. Referred to the committee on Claims.

Severally sent up for concurrence.

E. G. Kelley.

By Mr. Knox of Lawrence, petition of E. G. Kelley of Newburyport, for an amendment of section 1, chapter 110, Acts of 1871, concerning manufacturing and other corporations. Referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

*Introduced on Leave.*

Acton.

By Mr. Allen of Duxbury, a Bill to authorize the town of Acton to raise money for a celebration on the 19th day of April next, to commemorate the events of the 19th day of April, 1775. Read and referred to the committee on Towns, and sent up for concurrence.

Notaries.

By Mr. Gibbs of Russell, a Bill to regulate the appointment of notaries-public.

Bonds in bas-  
tardy cases.

By Mr. Osgood of Salem, a Bill to amend chapter 42 of the Acts of the year 1871, relating to bonds in bastardy cases.

Severally read and referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

State salaries.

The Speaker appointed Mr. Coffin of Winchester a member of the joint select committee on State Salaries and Expenditures, on the part of the House, in place of Mr. Pierce of Malden, excused.

W. A. Haskell.

Mr. Pierce of Malden moved a reconsideration of the vote whereby the House yesterday recommitted to the committee on Elections, with instructions to recount the votes, the petition of William A. Haskell for the seat now occupied by Harrison Closson as representative from the Fifteenth Essex District. The motion was negatived by a vote of 92 to 103.

E. Crane et als.

On motion of Mr. Phillips of Salem, the vote whereby the petition of Artemas R. Holden and others for the

passage of an Act to incorporate the Boston and Chicago Railway Trust Company was referred in concurrence to the committee on Railroads, was reconsidered, and the petition was laid on the table.

*Papers from the Senate.*

Papers were referred in concurrence, as follows :—

Petition of Bradford Weston and others of Duxbury, Ducks.  
for amendment of the law relative to the killing of black ducks, to the committee on Agriculture.

Petition of the Appleton Street Congregational Society of Lowell, for change of name, to the committee on Parishes and Religious Societies. Appleton Street Society, Lowell.

Petition of Charles Soule and others, for the preservation of Green Harbor, in the town of Marshfield, to the committee on Harbors. Green Harbor.

Petition of the Plymouth County Railroad Company, for amendment of charter, to the committee on Railroads. Plymouth Co. Railroad.

Petition of Edward Crane and associates, to be incorporated under the name of the Atlantic and Ontario Railway Trust Company, came down with an endorsement that the Senate insisted on its reference of the same to the committee on Railroads, and asked for a committee of conference, Messrs. Smith, Howard and Dacey having been appointed on the part of that branch. E. Crane et als.

On motion of Mr. Phillips of Salem, the request for a committee of conference was agreed to, and Messrs. Phillips of Salem, Williams of Brookline, and Tompkins of Boston were appointed on the part of the House.

The petition of Charles H. Leach and 70 others, for an Act to incorporate the Boston and Chicago Railway Trust Company, referred by the Senate to the committee on Railroads, was, on motion of Mr. Phillips of Salem, laid on the table. Ibid.

A Bill to amend an Act entitled "An Act to dissolve the Maple Street Congregational Society in Danvers," introduced on leave in the Senate, was ruled out by the Speaker, under the 20th joint rule. Maple Street Society.

A Resolve in favor of John McGrath, passed to be engrossed in the Senate, was read and referred in course to the committee on Finance. J. McGrath.

A Bill in relation to mutual fire insurance companies created by the laws of other States, passed to be engrossed in the Senate, was read and ordered to a second reading. Mutual fire insurance companies.

*Report of a Committee.*

License bill.

Mr. Fuller of Boston, from the committee on the Liquor Law, to whom were referred the Bills, on leave, in addition to an Act concerning the manufacture and sale of intoxicating liquors; to regulate the sale of intoxicating liquors; to regulate the sale of intoxicating liquors, and to prevent the evils arising from such sale; regulating the sale of spirituous or intoxicating liquors; and to repeal chapter 415 of the Acts of the year 1869, concerning the manufacture and sale of intoxicating liquors, reported a Bill to regulate the sale of intoxicating liquors.

The bill was read, and on motion of the same gentleman, the rule requiring the reference of the bill to the committee on Finance was suspended, and it was ordered to a second reading.

The dissenting views of a minority of the committee, concluding with a recommendation that the "Legislature adhere to the prohibitory law now on our statutes," signed by Messrs. Stone of the Senate, and Boynton, Morris and Nutter of the House, were presented in writing, and ordered printed with the report of the committee.

*Orders.*

Town clerks.

On motion of Mr. Curtis of Lenox,—

*Ordered*, That the committee on the Judiciary consider the expediency of a law making town clerks clerks of boards of assessors in the several towns in the Commonwealth.

Manufacturing corporations.

On motion of Mr. Long of Hingham,—

*Ordered*, That the committee on the Judiciary consider the expediency of amending section 2 of chapter 224 of the Acts of 1870 by striking out the words "except that of distilling or manufacturing intoxicating liquors."

"Blue Book."

On motion of Mr. Holden of Westminster,—

*Ordered*, That the committee on Finance consider the expediency of furnishing to boards of selectmen of towns, and boards of aldermen of cities, one copy each of the "Blue Book" of each year.

Report of B. &amp; A. R. R. hearing.

The following order, offered by Mr. Moseley of Boston, pending the question of its reference to the committee on Printing, was laid over until to-morrow, at the request of Mr. Phillips of Salem:—

*Ordered*, That the verbatim report of the investigation



of the Boston and Albany Railroad, now being held by the joint committee on Railroads, be printed for the use of the members of the Legislature.

*Orders of the Day.*

The report of the committee on Elections, leave to withdraw, on the petition of Dennis G. Quirk for the seat occupied by James A. McDonald as representative from the First Middlesex District, was further considered. Pending the motion of Mr. Pierce of Milton that the report be recommitted, with instructions to the committee to hear evidence, the previous question was ordered, and the report was accepted. Orders of the day.

**Bills :**

Repealing section 2 of chapter 193 of the Acts of 1873 (amended on motion of Mr. Pierce of Malden) ; and

To amend chapter 375 of the Acts of the year 1874, entitled "An Act concerning associations for religious, charitable, educational and other purposes" ;

Were severally read and ordered to a third reading.

The Bill in addition to an Act concerning the shell-fisheries of the town of Brewster, was read, passed to be engrossed, and sent up for concurrence.

The Bill to repeal section 60, chapter 415 of the Acts of 1869, was considered. On motion of Mr. Morris of Watertown, the yeas and nays were ordered on the question of engrossment. The roll being called, the bill was passed to be engrossed by a vote of 89 yeas to 69 nays, as follows :—

**YEAS.**

Messrs. James Abbe,  
Ebenezer Adams,  
Andrew Athy,  
Amasa W. Bailey,  
Cyrus F. Baker,  
T. D. Beach,  
John H. Blake,  
Stephen F. Blaney,  
Wm. E. Blunt,  
Osgood Bradley, Jr.,  
Wm. E. Bridgman,  
Wm. E. Bright,  
Samuel R. Brintnall,  
James H. Carleton,

Messrs. Wm. Carroll,  
Gardner A. Churchill,  
Charles R. Codman,  
Patrick Collins,  
Austin H. Connell,  
Owen Coogan,  
A. M. Copeland,  
J. W. Coveney,  
John A. Cummings,  
William D. Curtis,  
Benj. F. Davis,  
Jacob W. Davis,  
Neil Doherty,  
James E. Estabrook,



<b>Messrs. Thos. F. Fitz Gerald,</b> Samuel Flower, John D. Flynn, Henry W. Fuller, Charles L. Gardner, Edward E. Gibbs, Charles H. Greene, Daniel G. Green, Charles Hale, George Hall, Nathan M. Hawkes, George Heywood, Joseph W. Hill, Henry T. Holmes, Salmon D. Hood, Francis M. Hughes, S. A. Jacobs, Thomas Johnson, George W. Jones, William Keith, George P. Kingsley, William S. Knox, Daniel W. Lawrence, George T. Lincoln, James L. Locke, James T. Mahony, John B. Martin, James A. McDonald, John J. McNutt, Joseph Mitchell, 2d, W. Stanley Newhall,	<b>Messrs. Reuben Noble,</b> Daniel Noonan, Charles S. Osgood, Edward L. Pierce, Isaac Pratt, Jr., Albert E. Rice, Wm. W. Rice, J. C. Richmond, Joseph S. Ropes, Nathaniel J. Rust, John Sanborn, Edward Sanderson, Cyrus Savage, Ebenezer Sawyer, John M. Seeley, Charles L. Shaw, Albert Smith, John L. Smith, Isaac Stebbins, John C. Stimpson, Isaac Stone, Chas. A. F. Swan, Daniel J. Sweeney, Wm. A. Thompson, Daniel H. Thurston, Dexter A. Tompkins, Henry M. Wilcox, Moses Williams, Jr., William Woods, Walter Wyman.
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**NAYS.**

<b>Messrs. Samuel Allen,</b> Stephen M. Allen, John J. Babson, John I. Baker, Joseph H. Baker, George Beal, John H. Bell, William H. Bent, Sylvester W. Bowen, Reuben Boynton, Wilbur F. Brigham, Isaac T. Burr, Augustine P. Cook, Lowell Coolidge, Francis C. Curtis, Epes Davis, Lewis Day,	<b>Messrs. George W. Dyer,</b> Edwin Ellis, John B. Fairbanks, Luther Fisk, William Frost, James W. Gaylord, Emerson Geer, Levi L. Goodspeed, Elbridge H. Goss, Solomon E. Hallett, David E. Harding, George Haven, Samuel R. Heywood, Beriah T. Hillman, Amos B. Holden, Wm. B. Howard, Isaac N. Keith,
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Messrs. Ziba C. Keith,  
Moses Kimball,  
Benj. F. Leighton,  
Daniel J. Lewis,  
Pliny T. Litchfield,  
John D. Long,  
William Martin,  
Joseph T. Massey,  
Edward S. May,  
Samuel May,  
William B. Merrill,  
Henry S. Miner,  
F. G. Morris,  
George L. Newton,  
Edward W. Noble,  
Joseph F. Paul,  
James Pierce,  
Alanson B. Pomeroy,

Messrs. Willard Putnam,  
George W. Reed,  
John L. Robinson,  
Charles A. Rogers,  
Cyrus K. Russell,  
John S. Ryder,  
Isaiah A. Small,  
George D. Smalley,  
Richard H. Stearns,  
Lafayette Stevens,  
Enoch H. Towne,  
Albert J. Trull,  
Edward M. Vincent,  
Austin C. Wellington,  
Joseph White,  
Nathan M. Wood,  
John H. Woodbury,  
Beverly.

Yeas, 89 ; nays, 69.

On motion of Mr. Codman of Boston, the title of the bill was amended so as to read as follows :

Bill to repeal section 60, chapter 415 of the Acts of 1869, concerning the precedence and continuance of liquor cases.

On motion of Mr. Bowker of Boston, the orders of the day were laid on the table, and the same gentleman moved that when the House adjourns to-morrow, it be to meet on Tuesday next, at 2 o'clock, P. M. **Adjournment.** **Negatived.**

Mr. White of Williamstown moved a reconsideration of the vote whereby the House passed to be engrossed the Bill to repeal section 60, chapter 415 of the Acts of the year 1869, concerning the precedence and continuance of liquor cases. **Precedence of liquor trials.**

Placed first in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

The orders of the day being taken from the table, the Bill to confirm the organization and proceedings of the Hayden Foundry and Machine Company was considered. **Hayden Foundry and Machine Co.** An amendment moved by Mr. Long of Hingham was rejected. Pending the question of passing the bill to be engrossed,

The House, at 5.20,  
Adjourned.

FRIDAY, February 19, 1875.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer was offered by the Chaplain.

*Petitions Presented.*

Cranberries.

By Mr. Smalley of Harwich, petition of Nathaniel Doane and 39 others of Harwich; and by Mr. Noble of Truro, petition of E. E. Knowles and others of Eastham, severally for an Act to establish a legal and standard measure for a barrel of cranberries. Referred to the committee on Agriculture.

Salmon D. Hood.

By Mr. Hawkes of Lynn, petition of Salmon D. Hood, a member of the House, for pay from the first of the session, and for expenses.

S. L. Montague.

By Mr. Bowen of Wendell, petition of Sarah L. Montague, for state aid.

Chas. Burleigh.

By Mr. Kimball of Boston, petition of Charles Burleigh, for compensation for services and expenditures in construction of the Hoosac Tunnel, and for the use of rights secured to him by letters-patent.

Severally referred to the committee on Claims.

Scientific survey.

By Mr. Ropes of Boston, memorial of the Boston Society of Natural History, in favor of a scientific survey of the State.

Deerfield.

By Mr. Jones of Deerfield, petition of William Anderson and others, for an Act to allow said town to return to the school district system.

Severally referred to the committee on Education.

Inspector-General of Fish.

By Mr. Smalley of Harwich, petition of Valentine Doane and 100 others of Harwich, that the office of Inspector-General of Fish may be abolished.

North River.

By Mr. Torrey of South Scituate, petition of Charles A. Litchfield and 122 others, for a change in the laws relative to catching fish in the North River, so called, in Plymouth County.

Truro.

By Mr. Noble of Truro, petition of the selectmen of Truro, for a law authorizing said town to control the eel, perch and alewife fisheries at Wilder's Bridge in said town.

Severally referred to the committee on the Fisheries.

Suffolk Brewing Co.

By Mr. Rust of Boston, petition of James M. Smith and others, for incorporation as the Suffolk Brewing

Company. Referred to the committee on Mercantile Affairs.

By Mr. Estabrook of Worcester, petition of R. H. Chamberlain and others, that a company of cavalry be attached to the Third Brigade, M. V. M. Referred to the committee on Military Affairs. Third Brigade Cavalry.

By Mr. Kimball of Boston, petition of the Boston Deaf-Mute Library Association, for aid. Referred to the committee on Public Charitable Institutions. Deaf-Mute Library Association.

By Mr. Rice of Worcester, petitions of the Grafton Centre and Boston, Barre and Gardner railroads, respectively, for leave to mortgage their property. Grafton Centre and Boston, Barre and Gardner Railroad Coa.

By Mr. Stone of Northampton, petition of the Massachusetts Central Railroad Company, for extension of time for location and construction. Mass. Central Railroad.

Severally referred to the committee on Railroads.

By Mr. Davis of Holyoke, petition of J. P. Buckland, justice of police court of Holyoke, for an increase of salary. Referred to the committee on State Salaries and Expenditures. J. P. Buckland.

By Mr. Keith of Brockton, petition of E. Y. Hayward and others of East Bridgewater and Brockton, for the straightening of certain boundary lines. E. Bridgewater and Brockton.

By Mr. Morse of Boston, petition of David Coolidge and others, that the town of Brookline be re-united to Boston. Brookline.

By Mr. Wyman of Woburn, petition of Mark Allen and others, for a law securing to the people the right to inspect the records of the selectmen in their several towns. Selectmen's records.

Severally referred to the committee on Towns.

By Mr. Burr of Newton, remonstrance of mayor of Newton, against the petition of Boston to divert the waters of Pegan Brook into Charles River. Referred to the committee on Water Supply and Drainage. Pegan Brook.

These papers were severally sent up for concurrence.

By Mr. Kimball of Boston, petition of Robert I. Burbank, standing justice of the municipal court for the South Boston district, for increase of salary. Referred to the committee on the Judiciary. R. I. Burbank.

#### *Introduced on Leave.*

By Mr. Gardner of Palmer, a Bill to establish a sinking fund for the county of Hampden. Hampden Co.

Coroners.

By Mr. Tompkins of Boston, a Bill in relation to special coroners.

Severally read and referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

Judges of probate.

By Mr. Gaylord of Northampton, a Bill to authorize judges of probate and insolvency to be executors, guardians or trustees in certain cases. Read and referred to the committee on Probate and Chancery.

### Orders.

Board of Health.

On motion of Mr. Goss of Melrose,—

*Ordered*, That the committee on Public Buildings ascertain if suitable accommodations cannot be made for the State Board of Health, whereby it may have a room, or rooms, in which to hold its meetings, and safely keep its property.

Insurance dividends.

On motion of Mr. Pope of Boston,—

*Ordered*, That the committee on Insurance consider the expediency of amending section 1, chapter 222 of the Acts of 1874, relating to dividends of joint stock fire and marine insurance companies, by striking out in the fifth line the words "in any one," and inserting in their place "a," and after the word "stock," in the sixth line, add, "and if any dividends are less than ten per cent. a year, the same shall be made up when such net profits and income become sufficient therefor."

Sessions of Legislature.

On motion of Mr. Hillman of Chilmark,—

*Ordered*, That the committee on Constitutional Amendment consider the expediency of an amendment to the Constitution limiting the length of the session of the Legislature.

Codification of fish laws.

On motion of Mr. Woodbury of Boston,—

*Ordered*, That the Fish Commissioners of this Commonwealth prepare a codification of the general laws of this Commonwealth now in force relating to fishing, in such form as they approve, and so as to accord with the laws enacted at the present session, and report in print before the fifteenth day of January, 1876, reporting separately any amendments they deem it expedient should be adopted.

"American Naturalist."

On motion of Mr. Osgood of Salem,—

*Ordered*, That the committee on Education consider the expediency of purchasing a certain number of copies

of the "American Naturalist," for distribution among the public schools of the State.

Severally sent up for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. Goss of Melrose,—

*Ordered*, That the committee on Finance inquire into the expediency of allowing the State Board of Health to expend its unexpended balances of annual appropriations for the purchase of books, journals, maps, etc., relating to sanitary subjects, to be added to its library; provided, that such expenditure shall not exceed the sum of five hundred dollars each year. Board of Health.

On motion of Mr. Hale of Boston,—

*Ordered*, That the committee on the Judiciary be requested to consider the expediency of authorizing the city of Boston to furnish additional temporary relief for the poor, and to make suitable regulations under which persons who receive temporary aid may be held to perform a specified amount of service as compensation therefor. Boston poor relief.

On motion of Mr. Rice of Worcester,—

*Ordered*, That the committee on the Judiciary inquire whether any further legislation is necessary to enlarge or modify the equity jurisdiction of the supreme judicial court, or to extend jurisdiction in equity in any respect to the superior court. Equity jurisdiction.

On motion of Mr. Morse of Boston,—

*Ordered*, That the committee on the Judiciary inquire into the expediency of amending the provisions of the statutes concerning the drawing and empanelling of grand and petit jurors. Jurors.

On motion of Mr. Copeland of Springfield,—

*Ordered*, That the Judiciary committee consider the expediency of amending the laws relating to the attachments of personal property, costs and officers' fees. Attachments of personal property.

The Order relative to printing the report of investigation of Boston and Albany Railroad by the committee on Railroads, laid over yesterday, was referred to the committee on Printing.

*Papers from the Senate.*

*Ordered*, In concurrence, that the committee to investigate the salaries of officers paid from the treasury of State salaries.

the Commonwealth have leave to send for persons and papers.

State charities.

*Ordered*, In concurrence, that the committee on Public Charitable Institutions inquire and report if any bureau, board or office connected with our state charities can be abolished without detriment to the efficiency of that department.

Maple Street  
Congregational  
Society.

The petition of Winthrop Andrews and others, for an amendment to chapter 94 of the Acts of 1874, relating to the Maple Street Congregational Society in Danvers, was referred in concurrence to the committee on Parishes and Religious Societies.

Appropriations.

The House Bill making appropriations for expenses of the State Almshouse, the State Primary School at Monson, the State Prison, the Reform School at Westborough, the Industrial School for Girls, the Bridgewater Workhouse, and for other purposes, was referred in concurrence to the committee on Public Charitable Institutions.

Bills :

So. Abington.

To incorporate the town of South Abington ; and

Cape Cod Ship  
Canal.

To extend the time for commencing the Cape Cod Ship Canal ;

(Severally passed to be engrossed by the Senate ;)

Were read and ordered to a second reading.

### *Reports of Committees.*

Polls, etc.

By Mr. Blaney of Peabody, from the committee on Finance, that no legislation is necessary on the "Aggregates of Polls, Property, Taxes, etc., as assessed May 1, 1874."

Treasurer's  
report.

By Mr. Stearns of Boston, from the same committee, that no legislation is necessary on the annual report of the Treasurer and Receiver-General.

Norwich and  
Worcester Rail-  
road.

By Mr. Cushing of Cambridge, from the same committee, inexpedient to legislate on an Order relative to the sinking fund of the Norwich and Worcester Railroad Company.

Overpaid insur-  
ance taxes.

By Mr. Kimball of Boston, from the same committee, asking that the committee on Finance be discharged from the further consideration of the House Resolve for the reimbursement of certain taxes overpaid by insurance agents, and recommending that it be recommitted to the committee on Claims.

By Mr. Whitney of Ashburnham, from the same committee, asking that the committee on Finance be discharged from the further consideration of the "Statement of Salaries and other Expenses of the Secretary of State's Department for 1874," and that the same be referred to the joint select committee on State Salaries and Expenditures. Secretary's Department—salaries.

By Mr. Blaney of Peabody, from the same committee, the same request concerning the statement of persons employed by the Sergeant-at-Arms from 1855 to 1874, inclusive. Sergeant-at-Arms' employees.

These reports were severally read, accepted under a suspension of the rule, and the references of the last two papers named were sent up for concurrence.

By Mr. Churchill of Plympton, from the committee on Finance, that the House Resolve in aid of discharged female prisoners ought to pass. Discharged female prisoners.

By the same gentleman, from the same committee, that the House Resolve in favor of the Massachusetts Charitable Eye and Ear Infirmary ought to pass. Mass. Eye and Ear Infirmary.

By Mr. Whitney of Ashburnham, from the same committee, that the House Resolve in relation to the extermination of contagious cattle diseases ought to pass. Contagious cattle diseases.

By the same gentleman, from the same committee, that the House Resolve in favor of the town of Melrose ought to pass. Melrose.

By Mr. Stearns of Boston, from the same committee, that the Senate Resolve in favor of the town of Scituate ought to pass with an amendment, striking out the word "treasury" and inserting therefor the words "moiety of the income of the school fund distributable to towns." Scituate.

These resolves were severally placed in the orders of the day for a second reading to-morrow.

By Mr. Cushing of Cambridge, from the same committee, that the House Resolve in favor of Charles Hovey ought not to pass. Placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow, the question being on its rejection. Chas. Hovey.

By Mr. Kimball of Boston, from the same committee, on petition of the city of Boston, a Bill to provide for the taking of the decennial census in the city of Boston. Boston—census.

By the same gentleman, from the same committee, on an Order of the House, a Bill making additional appropriations for certain expenses authorized in 1874 and previous years, and for other purposes. Appropriations.



Connecticut  
River fisheries.

By Mr. Johnson of Nahant, from the committee on Fisheries, on a Bill, on leave, to extend the time for taking shad in the Connecticut River with rod and line, a Bill to amend chapter 76 of the Acts of the year 1869, relating to fishing in the Connecticut River.

Severally read and ordered to a second reading.

Hoosac Tunnel  
and Western  
Railroad Co.

By Mr. Hale of Boston, from the joint special committee on the Hoosac Tunnel Line of Railroads, on so much of the Governor's address as relates to that subject, and the report of the corporators appointed under chapter 403 of the Acts of 1874, a Bill in relation to the Boston, Hoosac Tunnel and Western Railroad Company.

On motion of the same gentleman, the rule requiring the bill to be referred to the committee on Finance was suspended, and the bill was read and ordered to a second reading.

### *Bills Enacted.*

Bills enacted.

Bills :

In relation to the increase and reduction of the capitals of joint stock insurance companies ; and

Authorizing the clerk of the courts in Hampshire County to draw pay for clerk hire from the county treasury ;

(Which severally originated in the House of Representatives ;)

Were passed to be enacted, signed and sent to the Senate.

### *Orders of the Day.*

Orders of the  
day.

The Bill in relation to mutual fire insurance companies created by the laws of other States was read, amended, on motion of Mr. Kimball of Boston, and ordered to a third reading.

The Bill to confirm the organization and proceedings of the Hayden Foundry and Machine Company was read, passed to be engrossed, and sent up for concurrence.

The motion made by Mr. White of Williamstown, to reconsider the vote whereby the House passed to be engrossed the Bill to repeal section 60, chapter 415 of the Acts of 1869, concerning the precedence and continuance of liquor cases, was considered.

On motion of Mr. Brigham of Hudson, the yeas and nays were ordered on the question, and the roll being called, the motion to reconsider was lost by a vote of 82 yeas to 122 nays, as follows :—

YEAS.

Messrs. Samuel Allen,  
Stephen M. Allen,  
John J. Babson,  
Daniel D. Bailey,  
John I. Baker,  
Joseph H. Baker,  
George Beal,  
John H. Bell,  
Wm. H. Bent,  
John Best,  
John C. Bickford,  
Frederick L. Bosworth.  
Sylvester W. Bowen,  
Reuben Boynton,  
Wilbur F. Brigham,  
Charles M. Brown,  
Isaac T. Burr,  
William Chase,  
Isaiah Churchill,  
A. B. Coffin,  
Lowell Coolidge,  
Francis C. Curtis,  
Epes Davis,  
Lewis Day,  
George W. Dyer,  
Edwin Ellis,  
Luther Fisk,  
Alpheus Fobes,  
William Frost,  
James W. Gaylord,  
Emerson Geer,  
Benjamin Gifford,  
Levi L. Goodspeed,  
Elbridge H. Goss,  
Dexter Grose,  
Solomon E. Hallett,  
David E. Harding,  
George Haven,  
Samuel R. Heywood,  
Beriah T. Hillman,  
Amos B. Holden,

Messrs. Daniel P. Hopkinson,  
Isaac N. Keith,  
Ziba C. Keith,  
Edward Kendall,  
Wm. S. King,  
Joel Knapp,  
Benj. F. Leighton,  
Daniel J. Lewis,  
John D. Long,  
William Martin,  
Edward S. May,  
Samuel May,  
Wm. B. Merrill,  
Henry S. Miner,  
F. G. Morris,  
Geo. L. Newton,  
Edward W. Noble,  
Isaac N. Nutter,  
Harrison D. Packard,  
Joseph F. Paul,  
Chas. H. Pew, 2d,  
Stephen C. Phinney,  
James Pierce,  
Alanson B. Pomeroy,  
Willard Putnam,  
George W. Reed,  
Joshua C. Robinson,  
Charles A. Rogers,  
Cyrus K. Russell,  
John S. Ryder,  
Isaiah A. Small,  
George D. Smalley,  
Abraham H. Smith,  
Richard H. Stearns,  
Lafayette Stevens,  
George H. Torrey,  
Enoch H. Towne,  
Albert J. Trull,  
Joseph White,  
Wilbur F. Whitney,  
John H. Woodbury,  
Beverly.

NAYS.

Messrs. James Abbe,  
Ebenezer Adams,  
Andrew Athy,  
Amasa W. Bailey,  
Cyrus F. Baker,  
Giles G. Barker,

Messrs. T. D. Beach,  
James Bergin,  
John H. Blake,  
Stephen F. Blaney,  
Wm. E. Blunt,  
Selwyn Z. Bowman,

<b>Messrs. Osgood Bradley, Jr.,</b> Wm. E. Bridgman, Wm. E. Bright, Samuel R. Brintnall, Michael Carney, William Carroll, Gardner A. Churchill, Charles R. Codman, Patrick Collins, Austin H. Connell, Owen Coogan, Augustine P. Cook, F. S. Coolidge, A. M. Copeland, J. W. Coveney, John A. Cummings, Ben. C. Currier, Wm. D. Curtis, Levi L. Cushing, Jr., Jacob W. Davis, Neil Doherty, James E. Estabrook, Thomas F. Fitz Gerald, Samuel Flower, John D. Flynn, Henry W. Fuller, Charles L. Gardner, William M. Gaylord, Charles H. Greene, Daniel G. Green, Thomas T. Griggs, Charles Hale, Gayton M. Hall, George Hall, Nicholas Hatheway, Nathan M. Hawkes, Moses B. Heywood, James E. Hill, Joseph W. Hill, William A. Hodges, Edward E. Holbrook, Henry T. Holmes, Salmon D. Hood, M. M. Hovey, Wm. B. Howard, S. A. Jacobs, Edward J. Johnson, Thomas Johnson, George W. Jones, Philo Keith,	<b>Messrs. Wm. Keith,</b> Geo. P. Kingsley, Wm. S. Knox, Daniel W. Lawrence, John B. Le Baron, James L. Locke, James T. Mahony, John B. Martin, James A. McDonald, John J. McNutt, Clement Meserve, Joseph Mitchell, 2d, John T. Morse, Frederick P. Moseley, W. Stanley Newhall, Reuben Noble, Daniel Noonan, Charles S. Osgood, Chas. M. Peirce, Jr., Willard P. Phillips, Edward L. Pierce, Richard Pope, Isaac Pratt, Jr., Edward B. Rankin, Wm. W. Rice, J. C. Richmond, Wallace F. Robinson, Joseph S. Ropes, Nath'l J. Rust, John Sanborn, Edward Sanderson, Charles B. Sanford, Cyrus Savage, Ebenezer Sawyer, Nathaniel Seaver, John M. Seeley, Frederic P. Shaw, Albert Smith, John L. Smith, E. A. Spaulding, Isaac Stebbins, John C. Stimpson, Isaac Stone, Chas. A. F. Swan, Dan'l J. Sweeney, Leonard A. Thayer, Wm. A. Thompson, Daniel H. Thurston, Dexter A. Tompkins, Byron Truell,
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Messrs. Chas. R. Tucker, Jr.,	Messrs. Henry M. Wilcox,
Artemas S. Tyler,	Moses Williams, Jr.,
Cranmore N. Wallace,	John H. Woodbury,
George M. Warren,	Boston,
Felix G. Whitney,	Wm. Woods,
	Walter Wyman.

Yeas, 82 ; nays, 122.

The Bill to regulate the sale of intoxicating liquors was read a second time, and, on motion of Mr. Hatheway of Fall River, was postponed for further consideration until Wednesday next, the question being on ordering the bill to a third reading.

The Bill to amend chapter 375 of the Acts of the year 1874, entitled "An Act concerning associations for religious, charitable, educational and other purposes," was read a third time, and, on motion of Mr. Churchill of Boston, its further consideration was postponed until to-morrow, the question being on its engrossment.

The Bill repealing section 2 of chapter 193 of the Acts of 1873, was read a third time, its title having been amended by the committee on Bills in Third Reading so as to read : Bill repealing section 2 of chapter 193 of the Acts of 1873, concerning uniforms of officers of the state prison, and repealing section 2 of said chapter.

On motion of Mr. Hill of Boston, its further consideration was postponed until Tuesday next, the question being on its engrossment.

At 4.25, the House  
Adjourned.

SATURDAY, February 20, 1875.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer was offered by the Chaplain.

*Petitions Presented.*

By Mr. Rice of Worcester, petitions of the Boston, Barre and Gardner Railroad Corporation, for authority to dispose of its capital stock in such manner as the directors may deem for the best interests of the road ; and

Boston, Barre  
and Gardner  
Railroad.

Of the Grafton Centre Railroad Company for leave to mortgage its property.

Grafton Centre  
Railroad Co.

By Mr. Blaney of Peabody, petition of W. O. Batch-

Eastern Railroad Co.

elder and 165 others, to prohibit the Eastern Railroad Company from obstructing the public square in Peabody. Severally referred to the committee on Railroads.

F. P. Shaw.

By Mr. Flynn of Boston, the petition of Frederic P. Shaw, a member of the House, for pay from the first of the session, and for expenses.

Beverly.

By Mr. Baker of Beverly, petition of the selectmen of Beverly, for armory rent for Company E of the Eighth Regiment, M. V. M.

Severally referred to the committee on Claims.

Gloucester harbor lines.

By Mr. Babson of Gloucester, petition of George Clark, Jr., and others, for amendment of chapter 124, Acts of 1866, entitled "An Act to establish certain harbor lines on the harbor of Gloucester."

Mill Creek.

By Mr. Long of Hingham, petition of A. Hemenway for a bridge over Mill Creek.

Severally referred to the committee on Harbors.

Ancient Order of Hibernians of Charlestown.

By Mr. Flynn of Boston, petition of Lawrence Burns and others, for incorporation as The Ancient Order of Hibernians of Charlestown.

Lumber.

By Mr. Rice of Worcester, petition of Charles Fuller and others, for a law relative to measuring lumber.

Severally referred to the committee on Mercantile Affairs.

Cranberries.

By Mr. Hallett of Chatham, petition of Lot Higgins and others, for the establishment of a fixed legal standard for a barrel of cranberries.

Fowls.

By Mr. May of Leicester, petition of B. N. Bullock, for a law for the protection of fowls.

Severally referred to the committee on Agriculture.

Boston, Hoosac Tunnel and Albany Railroad.

By Mr. Bowman of Somerville, petition of the Boston, Hoosac Tunnel and Albany Railroad, for aid from the State. Referred to the committee on the Hoosac Tunnel Line of Railroads.

United States Constitution.

By Mr. May of Leicester, petition of William B. Earle of Needham, for a convention, duly called, to amend the Constitution of the United States. Referred to the committee on Federal Relations.

Newburyport and Amesbury Horse Railroad Company.

By Mr. Carrier of Newburyport, petition of the Newburyport and Amesbury Horse Railroad Company, for leave to issue bonds. Referred to the committee on Street Railways.

By Mr. Coolidge of Sherborn, petition of the selectmen

of Holliston and 36 others, for a law making accountable to competent authority persons in charge of institutions known as "orphan homes" or "baby farms." Referred to the committee on Public Charitable Institutions. Baby farms.

By Mr. Churchill of Boston, petition of Cleophas Fais and others, that records, accounts and returns of certain military officers may be examined. Referred to the committee on Mercantile Affairs. C. Fais.

By Mr. Wyman of Woburn, the petition of the selectmen of Woburn, for authority to raise money by taxation to celebrate the one hundredth anniversary of the battle of Lexington. Referred to the committee on Towns. Woburn.

By Mr. Peirce of New Bedford, petition of E. A. Spaulding, for an Act incorporating the Ayer Savings Bank. Referred to the committee on Banks and Banking. Ayer Savings Bank.

By Mr. Thurston of Cambridge, petition of the mayor of Cambridge, for authority for said city to connect Spy and Little ponds and Wellington Brook with Fresh Pond. Referred to the committee on Water Supply and Drainage. Cambridge.

Severally sent up for concurrence.

By Mr. Morse of Boston, petitions of Eben D. Jordan concerning certain real estate transactions with the Commonwealth; and E. D. Jordan.

Of the mayor of Boston, for legislation as to collecting assessments for sewers. Boston—sewer assessments.

By Mr. Currier of Newburyport, petition of the city council of Newburyport, for an Act amending the charter of said city. Newburyport.

By Mr. Paul of Boston, petition of John Boyden and others, for an amendment of the game laws. Game laws.

By Mr. Johnson of Nahant, petition of Samuel Luskcomb and others, relating to district court to be established for the city of Lynn and towns of Swampscott, Nahant and Saugus. Lynn, etc.—district court.

By Mr. Perkins of Boston, petition of James L. Little and 61 others, for an Act authorizing the city of Boston to lay out and establish one or more public parks. Boston—parks.

Severally referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

The estimates of the several counties were received from the Secretary of State, referred to the committee on County Estimates, and ordered printed. County estimates.

The message from the Governor, transmitting papers relating to the new state prison, from files of the executive New prison.

department of 1874, was, on motion of Mr. Kimball of Boston, taken from the table and referred to the committee on Prisons.

Sent up for concurrence.

Vienna reports.

On motion of the same gentleman, the report of the committee on Printing relative to the distribution of the reports of the Commissioners to the Vienna Exposition, was taken from the table and placed in the orders of the day for Tuesday.

State salaries.

Mr. Coffin of Winchester asked to be excused from serving on the committee on State Salaries and Expenditures, because of ill-health. The request was granted.

Hayden Foundry and Machine Co.

On motion of Mr. Stone of Northampton, the vote whereby the House passed to be engrossed the Bill to confirm the organization and proceedings of the Hayden Foundry and Machine Company, was reconsidered.

On motion of the same gentleman, the bill was amended, and, as amended, was again passed to be engrossed.

Boston poor relief.

On motion of Mr. Codman of Boston, the vote whereby the House adopted an Order instructing the committee on the Judiciary to consider the expediency of authorizing the city of Boston to furnish additional temporary relief for the poor, was reconsidered, and the Order was amended by substituting the committee on Public Charitable Institutions for the committee on the Judiciary, and the Order, as amended, was adopted, and sent up for concurrence.

### *Reports of Committees.*

W. S. Frost.

By Mr. King of Boston, from the committee on Military Affairs, on petition of William S. Frost, a Resolve in favor of William S. Frost. Referred, in course, to the committee on Finance.

Woman suffrage.

By Mr. May of Leicester, from the committee on Woman Suffrage, on memorial of Gilbert Haven and others, a Resolve providing for an amendment of the Constitution to secure the elective franchise and the right to hold office to women. Read and ordered to a second reading.

### *Orders.*

Drawing in schools.

On motion of Mr. White of Williamstown,—  
*Ordered*, That the committee on Education inquire into the expediency of amending chapter 248 of the laws of

1870, relating to free instruction in drawing, so as to extend its requirements to towns having less than ten thousand inhabitants.

On motion of Mr. White of Williamstown,—

*Ordered*, That the committee on Education inquire into the expediency of amending existing laws relative to the education of deaf-mutes.

On motion of Mr. Rice of Worcester,—

*Ordered*, That the committee on Railroads consider if any change is expedient in the laws in reference to the transfer of freight between different railroad corporations, and the use, for that purpose, of terminal facilities belonging to one corporation by another.

On motion of Mr. Hill of Boston,—

*Ordered*, That the committee on Constitutional Amendment inquire into the expediency of providing for the sessions of the Legislature to be held but once in two years. Also, for the election of Governor and other state officers for a term of two years.

On motion of Mr. Allen of Duxbury,—

*Ordered*, That the committee on Towns consider the expediency of amending chapter 214 of the Acts of the year 1874, concerning public baths and wash-houses.

On motion of Mr. Cummings of Somerville,—

*Ordered*, That the committee on Claims consider and report, by resolve or otherwise, on all claims against the Commonwealth analogous to that presented in petition of R. B. Robinson for the refunding of taxes paid to the Tax Commissioner by reason of a mistake in the interpretation of the statute of 1873, chapter 141.

Severally sent up for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. Hale of Boston,—

*Ordered*, That the committee on the Judiciary consider the expediency of extending by a general law to all public commons or other inclosures of land already dedicated to public or quasi-public uses, the exemption from subsequent appropriation for use as highways or railroads now enjoyed by graveyards under section 40 of chapter 165 of the General Statutes, and by the land of lunatic hospitals under section 2 of chapter 223 of the Acts of the year 1862, with such modifications of the provisions of these statutes as may be effectual to secure such commons



or other lands from subsequent appropriation for use as highways or railroads.

On motion of Mr. White of Williamstown,—

Aqueduct corporations.

*Ordered*, That the committee on the Judiciary inquire if any further legislation is necessary to enable aqueduct corporations, organized under the provisions of chapter 40 of the Revised Statutes, or chapter 65 of the General Statutes, to increase their capital stock.

On motion of Mr. Pierce of Milton,—

Judicial system of Mass.

*Ordered*, That the committee on the Judiciary consider the expediency of the appointment of a commission, to report to the next Legislature a revised and improved judicial system for the Commonwealth, particularly with regard to the organization, jurisdiction, powers and practice of all the courts, to the end that the administration of justice may be simpler, more uniform and expeditious, and less expensive to parties and the public treasury.

On motion of Mr. Rice of Worcester,—

Mesne process.

*Ordered*, That the committee on the Judiciary consider the expediency of any change in the law of attachment on mesne process, so far as it applies to railroad cars and steamboats.

### *Papers from the Senate.*

Papers were referred, in concurrence, as follows:—

Compulsory education.

Petition of Jesse H. Jones, president of the Christian Labor Union of Boston, for the enactment of a compulsory education law; and

Petition of J. H. Mansfield and others for legislation for the better education of children.

Severally to the committee on Education.

Mystic River corporation

Petition of Mystic River Corporation, for authority to extend its central dock, and for other purposes, to the committee on Harbors.

Lexington Minute-men.

Petition of Loring W. Muzzey and others of Lexington, for authority to organize a military company to be called the Lexington Minute-men, to the committee on Military Affairs.

Mass. Medical Society.

Petition of Henry B. Williams and others, in aid of the petition of the Massachusetts Medical Society, for a commission on running streams as common sewers, to the committee on Water Supply and Drainage.

Petition of the Lowell Horse Railroad Company, for

leave to lease or sell its road, to the committee on Street Railways. Lowell Horse Railroad Co.

Petition of E. Tourjée and others, for legislation for the protection of labor, to the committee on the Labor Question. Labor.

Petition of the Boston Society of Redemptorist Fathers, for power to hold additional real and personal estate, to the committee on Parishes and Religious Societies. Redemptorist Fathers.

*Ordered*, In concurrence, that the committee on Constitutional Amendment consider the expediency of amending the Constitution, limiting the annual sessions of the General Court to one hundred days. Sessions of legislature.

A Bill to incorporate the Massachusetts Society for the Protection of Useful Birds, introduced on leave in the Senate, was ruled out by the Speaker, under the 22d joint rule. Protection of birds.

Resolves :

Providing for an amendment to the Constitution in relation to district-attorneys ; Resolves—constitutional amendments.

Providing for an amendment to the Constitution in relation to sheriffs ;

Providing for an amendment to the Constitution in relation to commissioners of insolvency ;

Passed to be engrossed by the Senate, were severally read and ordered to a second reading.

### *Bills Enacted.*

Engrossed bills :

Bills enacted.

To provide for the prevention and abatement of nuisances, and the preservation of the public health in the cities of Cambridge and Somerville ;

(Which originated in the House of Representatives ;)

And to provide for the appointment of inspectors of provisions in cities and towns ;

(Which originated in the Senate ;)

Were severally passed to be enacted, signed and sent to the Senate.

### *Orders of the Day.*

The Bill to incorporate the town of South Abington was, on motion of Mr. Allen of Duxbury, postponed for further consideration until Tuesday next. Orders of the day.

Bills :

To extend the time for commencing the Cape Cod Ship Canal ;

In relation to the Boston, Hoosac Tunnel and Western Railroad Company ;

Making additional appropriations for certain expenses authorized in 1874 and previous years, and for other purposes (amended on motion of Mr. Kimball of Boston) ;

To amend chapter 76 of the Acts of the year 1869, relating to fishing in the Connecticut River ; and

Resolves :

In aid of discharged female prisoners ;

In relation to the extermination of contagious cattle diseases ;

In favor of the Massachusetts Charitable Eye and Ear Infirmary ; and

In favor of the town of Scituate (amended as recommended by the committee on Finance) ;

Were severally read and ordered to a third reading.

The Bill to amend chapter 375 of the Acts of the year 1874, entitled "An Act concerning associations for religious, charitable, educational and other purposes," was read, passed to be engrossed, and sent up for concurrence.

The Bill in relation to mutual fire insurance companies created by the laws of other states, was read and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

The Bill to provide for the taking of the decennial census in the city of Boston was read, and, on motion of Mr. Hale of Boston, was laid on the table.

The Resolve in favor of Charles Hovey was considered, the question of its rejection, as recommended by the committee on Finance, was negatived by a vote of 54 to 55, and it was ordered to a second reading.

The Resolve in favor of the town of Melrose was read, and, on motion of Mr. Cummings of Somerville, was referred to the committee on Claims.

At 1 o'clock, the House adjourned to Tuesday, February 23, Monday being a legal holiday.

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TUESDAY, February 23, 1875.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer was offered by the Chaplain.

*Petitions Presented.*

By Mr. Le Baron of Middleborough, petition of Mary A. Smith and 32 others; by Mr. Baker of Northbridge, petition of Mary F. Holbrook and 16 others; and by Mr. Bergin of Milford, petition of Carrie S. Hurlburt and others, severally for modification or repeal of the ten-hour law. Referred to the committee on the Labor Question. Ten-hour law.

By Mr. Meserve of Hopkinton, petition of the overseers of the poor of Ashland, for compensation for the support of state paupers. Ashland.

By Mr. Hale of Boston, petition of Joseph W. Fowle, for remuneration for the use of the principle in rock-drilling, of which he was the original inventor. J. W. Fowle.

By Mr. King of Boston, petition of Richard F. Andrews, a disabled soldier, for state aid. R. F. Andrews.

Severally referred to the committee on Claims.

By Mr. Small of Provincetown, remonstrance of A. Nickerson and others of Provincetown, against the abolition of the office of Inspector-General of Fish. Referred to the committee on the Fisheries. Inspector-General of Fish.

By Mr. Tompkins of Boston, petition of Willard S. Allen, Clerk of East Boston Municipal Court, for increase of salary. Referred to the committee on State Salaries and Expenditures. W. S. Allen.

By Mr. Robinson of Boston, petition of Frank N. Thayer and others, for authority to form a corporate body for the purpose of building, owning and running steam and sailing vessels between Boston and Liverpool. Referred to the committee on Mercantile Affairs, under suspension of the 20th joint rule. Boston and Liverpool steamers.

By Mr. Copeland of Springfield, petition of "The Wardens, Vestry and Proprietors of Christ Church," in Springfield, for change of name, and right to hold more real estate. Referred to the committee on Parishes and Religious Societies, under suspension of the 20th joint rule. Christ Church.

By Mr. Pratt of Boston, petition of Horace P. Tobey and others, for the revival of the Act to revive the Wareham Bank, for certain purposes. Referred to the committee on Banks and Banking, under suspension of the 20th joint rule. Wareham Bank.

Severally sent up for concurrence.

By Mr. Lawrence of Medford, petition of William S.

**Freemasonry.** Gardner and others, for amendment of the Act incorporating the Trustees of the Supreme Council of the Ancient and Accepted rite of Freemasonry. Referred to the committee on the Judiciary, under suspension of the 20th joint rule, and sent up for concurrence in suspension of the rule.

**Princeton.** By Mr. Heywood of Worcester, petition of the inhabitants of the town of Princeton, for authority for said town to dispose of certain real estate. Referred to the committee on the Judiciary, under suspension of the 20th joint rule, and sent up for concurrence in suspension of the rule.

**Berkshire—district court.** By Mr. Osgood of Salem, petition of H. J. Dunham and others, for a new district court between the Central and South Berkshire Districts. Referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

*Introduced on Leave.*

**West Norfolk court.** By Mr. Warren of Wrentham, a Bill to establish the West Norfolk District Court. Read and referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

**State detectives.** Mr. Davis of Enfield asked leave to introduce a Bill to make members of the Legislature eligible for the position of state detectives. Leave was refused.

*Orders.*

**Connecting railroads.** On motion of Mr. Phillips of Salem,—  
*Ordered*, That the committee on Railroads consider and report such legislation in regard to connecting railroads as they may deem necessary.

**Obstructions of highways by freight trains.** On motion of Mr. Phillips of Salem,—  
*Ordered*, That the committee on Railroads consider and report such legislation as they may deem necessary in regard to obstructions of highways by freight trains of railroads.

Sent up for concurrence.

**Poisons.** On motion of Mr. Codman of Boston,—  
*Ordered*, That the committee on the Judiciary consider whether any legislation is necessary in relation to the vending of poisons.

**Repairs of state house.** On motion of Mr. Perkins of Boston,—  
*Ordered*, That the Auditor be requested to communicate, for the information of the House, the names of per-

sons to whom money was paid under chapter 76 of the Resolves of 1874, entitled a Resolve in relation to painting and repairing the state house, and the sums paid to each of said persons; also, the amount of bills contracted under said resolve remaining unpaid, and to whom due, with any other information in relation to the expenditures under said resolve that may be in possession of the Auditor.

*Bills Enacted.*

Engrossed bills :

Bills enacted.

To enable the clerk of the town of Warwick for the year 1870 to amend his record of the town meeting held September 6th of that year ;

(Which originated in the Senate ;) and

To amend section 19 of chapter 146 of the General Statutes, concerning reviews of final judgments in civil actions ;

(Which originated in the House ;)

Were severally passed to be enacted, signed, and sent to the Senate.

*Papers from the Senate.*

*Ordered*, In concurrence, that the committee on Rail- Railroad stock.  
roads consider the propriety of repealing sections 35, 36, 37, 38 and 39 of chapter 372 of the Acts of 1874, concerning town subscriptions for stock in railroad corporations.

*Ordered*, In concurrence, that the committee on Rail- Railroad divi-  
roads be directed to consider the expediency of providing denda.  
by law that no railroad corporation organized under the laws of this Commonwealth, shall, during any one year, declare and pay dividends exceeding ten per cent. upon the par value of their capital stock; and that the taxes which, under the laws of the State, they may be required to pay for their stockholders upon the value of their stock, shall be deducted from the next dividend, and not charged to running expenses.

Papers were referred, in concurrence, as follows :—

Petitions :

Of the New Bedford Railroad Company, for an extension of time limited in section 4 of chapter 20 of the Acts of 1873 ; New Bedford Railroad Co.

Of the Fall River Railroad Company, for leave to mortgage its road ; and Fall River Railroad Co.

Lehigh and  
Eastern Rail-  
road Co.

Of the Lehigh and Eastern Railway Company of Pennsylvania, for a grant from the State in aid of said railroad.

Severally to committee on Railroads.

Oriental Manu-  
facturing Co.

Petition of George L. Stone and others, for an Act of incorporation as the Oriental International Manufacturing Company, to the committee on Manufactures.

First Baptist  
Church—Ran-  
do'ph.

Petition of Seth Mann, 2d, for amendment to section 2, chapter 112 of the Acts of 1825, relating to the First Baptist Church of Randolph, to the committee on Parishes and Religious Societies.

Dr. Ellis—Bos-  
ton parks.

Petition of Dr. Calvin Ellis and others, that the right be granted to the city of Boston to take lands, under proper restrictions, for public parks, and to improve sewerage, to the committee on Water Supply and Drainage.

Board of State  
Charities.

So much of the Eleventh Annual Report of the Board of State Charities as relates to prisons, to the committee on Prisons.

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So much of the Eleventh Annual Report of the Board of State Charities as refers to public charitable institutions, to the committee on Public Charitable Institutions.

School commit-  
tees.

A Bill to amend section 16 of chapter 38 of the General Statutes, relating to the manner of electing school committees in towns, introduced on leave in the Senate, was read and referred, in concurrence, to the committee on Education.

Cambridge—  
water.

A Bill to provide for a further supply of water for the city of Cambridge, introduced on leave in the Senate, was read and referred, in concurrence, to the committee on Water Supply and Drainage.

Mileage.

A Bill concerning the mileage of the Lieutenant-Governor, members of the Council and General Court, passed to be engrossed in the Senate, was read and referred to the committee on Finance.

Mr. Talbot  
qualified.

Mr. Talbot of Boston, member-elect for the Fourth Suffolk District, who had been prevented from attending the sessions of the House by sickness, appeared, and was conducted to the Governor and Council by a committee, consisting of Messrs. Hale and Rust of Boston, and, having been qualified, announcement was made accordingly, and Mr. Talbot took his seat as a member of the House.



*Reports of Committees.*

By Mr. Heywood of Concord, from the committee on R. I. Burbank. the Judiciary, asking to be discharged from the further consideration of the petition of Robert I. Burbank, standing Justice of the Municipal Court in the South Boston District, for increase of salary; and of the

Order relative to increasing the salary of the sheriff of Nantucket—  
sheriff. the county of Nantucket;

And asking that the same be severally referred to the committee on State Salaries and Expenditures.

Accepted, under suspension of the rule, and sent up for concurrence in the reference.

By Mr. Hovey of Sutton, from the committee on Vienna reports. Printing, that the Order for printing three thousand copies of the report of the Commissioners to the Vienna Exposition ought not to be adopted.

Accepted, under suspension of the rule, and the Order rejected.

By Mr. Morse of Boston, from the committee on the Boston—grade. Judiciary, leave to withdraw on the petition of Samuel C. Cobb, mayor of Boston, for an Act authorizing to raise the grade of certain territory.

Read and placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

By Mr. Codman of Boston, from the committee on the Liens. Judiciary, that the Senate Bill to provide for a lien upon real estate for the expense of the abatement of certain nuisances ought to pass in a new draft.

By Mr. Tucker of New Bedford, from the committee Mill Owners'  
Ins. Co. on Insurance, on petition of the Mill Owners' Insurance Company, a Bill in addition to an Act to incorporate the Mill Owners' Mutual Fire Insurance Company of Boston.

Severally read and ordered to a second reading.

*Orders of the Day.*

The report of the committee on Printing, relative to the distribution of the reports of the Commissioners to Orders of the  
day. the Vienna Exposition, was amended, on motion of Messrs. Osgood of Salem and King of Boston, and accepted.

A Bill to incorporate the town of South Abington; and Resolves:

Providing for an amendment to the Constitution in relation to district-attorneys;



Providing for an amendment to the Constitution in relation to sheriffs ;

Providing for an amendment to the Constitution in relation to commissioners of insolvency ;

Were severally read and ordered to a third reading.

A Resolve in favor of Charles Hovey (amended on motion of Mr. Cummings of Somerville), was read a second time, and rejected by a vote of 67 to 84.

Bills :

Amending section 1 of chapter 193 of the Acts of 1873, concerning uniforms for officers of the State Prison, and repealing section 2 of said chapter ;

Making additional appropriations for certain expenses authorized in 1874 and previous years, and for other purposes ;

(Amended on motion of Messrs. Codman and Hill of Boston) ; and

To amend chapter 76 of the Acts of the year 1869, relating to fishing in the Connecticut River ; and

Resolves :

In favor of the Massachusetts Charitable Eye and Ear Infirmary ;

In aid of discharged female prisoners ; and

In relation to the extermination of contagious cattle diseases ;

Were severally read, passed to be engrossed, and sent up for concurrence.

A Bill to extend the time for commencing the Cape Cod Ship Canal ; and a

Resolve in favor of the town of Scituate ;

Were severally read, and passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.

The Bill in relation to the Boston, Hoosac Tunnel and Western Railroad Company, was read a third time, and, on motion of Mr. Ropes of Boston, was postponed for further consideration until Tuesday, March 2.

A Resolve providing for an amendment of the Constitution to secure the elective franchise and the right to hold office to women, was read a second time and amended. On motion of Mr. Truell of Lawrence, the yeas and nays were ordered, on the question of ordering the Resolve to a third reading, and it was rejected, by a vote of 75 yeas to 120 nays, as follows :—

YEAS.

Messrs. Stephen M. Allen,  
Michael Atkinson,  
John J. Babson,  
Cyrus F. Baker,  
John I. Baker,  
Joseph H. Baker,  
Giles G. Barker,  
T. D. Beach,  
George Beal,  
John H. Bell,  
John Best,  
John C. Bickford,  
Wm. E. Blunt,  
Horace L. Bowker,  
Reuben Boynton,  
Wilbur F. Brigham,  
Wm. E. Bright,  
Samuel R. Brintnall,  
William Chase,  
Gardner A. Churchill,  
Isaiah Churchill,  
A. B. Coffin,  
F. S. Coolidge,  
Levi L. Cushing, Jr.,  
George W. Dyer,  
John B. Fairbanks,  
Luther Fisk,  
Alpheus Fobes,  
William M. Gaylord,  
Thomas T. Griggs,  
Dexter Grose,  
George Hall,  
Beriah T. Hillman,  
E. Everett Holbrook,  
Thomas Johnson,  
Isaac N. Keith,  
Ziba C. Keith,  
Edward Kendall,

Messrs. Wm. S. Knox,  
John B. Le Baron,  
Benj. F. Leighton,  
John D. Long,  
William Martin,  
Joseph T. Massey,  
Samuel May,  
Wm. B. Merrill,  
Clement Meserve,  
Southard H. Miller,  
Joseph Mitchell, 2d,  
F. G. Morris,  
John T. Morse,  
Daniel Noonan,  
Isaac N. Nutter,  
Charles S. Osgood,  
Joseph F. Paul,  
Chas. M. Peirce, Jr.,  
James Pierce,  
George W. Reed,  
John L. Robinson,  
Charles A. Rogers,  
John Sanborn,  
Isaiah A. Small,  
E. F. Smith,  
John C. Stimpson,  
Isaac Stone,  
Dan'l J. Sweeney,  
Daniel H. Thurston,  
George H. Torrey,  
Enoch H. Towne,  
Byron Truell,  
Artemas S. Tyler,  
Cranmore N. Wallace,  
Austin C. Wellington,  
Wilbur F. Whitney,  
William Woods.

NAYS.

Messrs. James Abbe,  
Ebenezer Adams,  
Samuel Allen,  
Andrew Athy,  
Daniel D. Bailey,  
Wm. H. Bent,  
James Bergin,  
John H. Blake,

Messrs. Stephen F. Blaney,  
Frederick L. Bosworth,  
Sylvester W. Bowen,  
Osgood Bradley, Jr.,  
Wm. E. Bridgman,  
Isaac T. Burr,  
James H. Carleton,  
Michael Carney,

Messrs. William Carroll,  
Charles R. Codman,  
Patrick Collins,  
Owen Coogan,  
Augustine P. Cook,  
Lowell Coolidge,  
A. M. Copeland,  
John A. Cummings,  
Ben. C. Currier,  
Benj. F. Davis,  
Jacob W. Davis,  
Lewis Day,  
Henry Dennis, Jr.,  
Neil Doherty,  
C. W. Duggan,  
Edwin Ellis,  
Thomas F. Fitz Gerald,  
Samuel Flower,  
John D. Flynn,  
William Frost,  
Henry W. Fuller,  
Charles L. Gardner,  
Albert W. Gaskill,  
Emerson Geer,  
Edward E. Gibbs,  
Benjamin Gifford,  
Elbridge H. Goss,  
Daniel G. Green,  
Charles Hale,  
Gayton M. Hall,  
David E. Harding,  
Nicholas Hatheway,  
Joseph W. Hill,  
William A. Hodges,  
Amos B. Holden,  
Henry T. Holmes,  
Salmon D. Hood,  
Daniel P. Hopkinson,  
M. M. Hovey,  
Wm. B. Howard,  
Fred'k G. Howes,  
S. A. Jacobs,  
Henry L. James,  
Edward J. Johnson,  
George W. Jones,  
William Keith,  
Wm. S. King,  
George P. Kingsley,  
Joel Knapp,  
Daniel W. Lawrence,

Messrs. Daniel J. Lewis,  
George T. Lincoln,  
James L. Locke,  
James T. Mahony,  
James A. McDonald,  
John J. McNutt,  
Henry S. Miner,  
Frederick P. Moseley,  
W. Stanley Newhall,  
George L. Newton,  
Edward W. Noble,  
Harrison D. Packard,  
Chas. H. Pew, 2d,  
Willard P. Phillips,  
Edward L. Pierce,  
Richard Pope,  
Isaac Pratt, Jr.,  
Albert E. Rice,  
William W. Rice,  
Thomas Rich,  
J. C. Richmond,  
Joshua C. Robinson,  
Joseph S. Ropes,  
Cyrus K. Russell,  
Nath'l J. Rust,  
John S. Ryder,  
Edward Sanderson,  
Chas. B. Sanford,  
Ebenezer Sawyer,  
Charles L. Shaw,  
George D. Smalley,  
Abraham H. Smith,  
Albert Smith,  
John L. Smith,  
E. A. Spaulding,  
Richard H. Stearns,  
Isaac Stebbins,  
Lafayette Stevens,  
Chas. A. F. Swan,  
Samuel Talbot, Jr.,  
Leonard A. Thayer,  
Wm. A. Thompson,  
Dexter A. Tompkins,  
Albert J. Trull,  
Edmond M. Vincent,  
George M. Warren,  
Joseph White,  
Felix G. Whitney,  
Henry M. Wilcox,  
E. Crosby Willard,

**WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 1875.**

**Messrs. Nathan M. Wood,**  
**John H. Woodbury,**  
**Boston,**

**Messrs. John H. Woodbury,**  
**Beverly,**  
**Walter Wyman.**

**Yeas, 75 ; nays, 120.**

**At 5.20, the House  
Adjourned.**

WEDNESDAY, February 24, 1875.

**Met according to adjournment.**

**Prayer was offered by the Chaplain.**

### *Petitions Presented.*

By Mr. Dwyer of Adams, petitions of James Woulfe, J. W. Woulfe.  
and of Samuel Hillman, severally for aid on account of Sam'l Hillman.  
injuries received while in employ of the State.

By Mr. Savery of Wareham, petition of James H. J. H. Look, for compensation for unlawful imprisonment by David Dean, a state constable.

Severally referred to the committee on Claims, the last under suspension of 20th joint rule.

By Mr. Allen of Duxbury, remonstrance of H. B. Ten-hour law. Maglathlin and others of Duxbury; and by Mr. Grose of Abington, remonstrance of Jesse H. Jones and others of North Abington, severally against the repeal or modification of the ten-hour law.

Severally referred to the committee on the Labor Question.

By Mr. Hillman of Chilmark, petition of Charles H. Mingo and others, of Gay Head, in aid of the petition of John W. Mayhew and others of Chilmark, for an appropriation to improve Menemsha Creek. Referred to the committee on Harbors.

By Mr. Cushing of Cambridge, petition of James H. Roberts and others, for investigation in regard to discipline and management of East Cambridge Jail and House of Correction. Referred, under suspension of 20th joint rule, to the committee on Prisons.

By Mr. Howes of Ashfield, petition of the Ashfield Ashfield Ins.  
Co.  
Mutual Fire Insurance Company, for amendment of char-  
ter. Referred, under suspension of the 20th joint rule,  
to the committee on Insurance.

Boston and  
Charleston  
Steamship Co.

By Mr. Coffin of Winchester, petition of Edmund Kemble, for Act of incorporation of the Boston and Charleston Steamship Company. Referred, under suspension of the 20th joint rule, to the committee on Mercantile Affairs.

Harwich and  
Dennis—clams.

By Mr. Smalley of Harwich, petition of J. C. Inman and others of Harwich and Dennis, for the protection of clams.

Inspector-Gen-  
eral of Fish.

By Mr. Long of Hingham, remonstrance of Atkinson Nye and others of Hingham; and by Mr. Small of Provincetown, remonstrance of J. H. Freeman and others of Wellfleet, severally against the abolition of the office of Inspector-General of Fish.

Trout and lob-  
sters.

By Mr. Woodbury of Boston, petition of the Massachusetts Anglers' Association, for the protection of trout and lobsters.

Agawam and  
Westfield  
rivers.

By Mr. Noble of Westfield, remonstrance of F. S. Egleston and others, against exempting the Agawam and Westfield rivers from the operation of the laws relative to the maintaining of fishways.

Severally referred to the committee on the Fisheries.  
Sent up for concurrence.

*Introduced on Leave.*

Labor contracts.

By Mr. Hatheway of Fall River, Bill to regulate special contracts for labor. Read and referred to the committee on the Labor Question.

Sent up for concurrence.

Physicians and  
surgeons.

By the same gentleman, a Bill to regulate the qualification of practitioners in medicine and surgery. Read and referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

Repairs of state  
house.

A statement of expenses incurred in painting and repairing the state house was received from the Auditor of the Commonwealth, in compliance with an Order of the House, dated February 23, 1875, and, on motion of Mr. Perkins of Boston, was laid on the table and ordered printed.

Woman suf-  
frage.

On motion of Mr. May of Leicester, the vote whereby the House yesterday rejected a Resolve providing for an amendment of the Constitution to secure the elective franchise and the right to hold office to women, was reconsidered.

Pending the recurring question of ordering the resolve

to a third reading, its further consideration was, on motion of Mr. Kimball of Boston, postponed until to-morrow.

Mr. Moseley of Boston moved to reconsider the vote whereby the House rejected the Order providing for printing three thousand extra copies of the report of the Commissioners to the Vienna Exposition. *Negatived.* Vienna reports.

### *Orders.*

Mr. Phillips of Salem offered the following Order:—

*Ordered*, That ———, ———, ———, with such as the Senate may join, be appointed a committee, with full powers, to make such arrangements as may be deemed proper and expedient for the reception, on the part of the State, of the President and Vice-President of the United States and other distinguished strangers who may visit the State upon the occasion of the celebration of the seventeenth of June next, the centennial of the battle of Bunker Hill. Seventeenth of June.

Referred to the committee on Federal Relations.

Sent up for concurrence in the reference.

On motion of Mr. Noonan of Boston,—

*Ordered*, That five hundred copies of the report of the Harbor Commissioners be assigned for the use of said Commissioners. Harbor Commissioners.

On motion of Mr. Miner of Phillipston,—

*Ordered*, That the committee on the Judiciary consider the expediency of amending the laws relative to poll taxes. Poll taxes.

### *Papers from the Senate.*

*Ordered*, In concurrence, that the committee on Banks and Banking consider the expediency of a law to equalize taxation on deposits held in trust companies of this Commonwealth. Taxes on deposits.

Papers were referred, in concurrence, as follows:—

Petition of B. J. Berry and associates, for an Act authorizing them to take water from Ipswich River, to the committee on Water Supply and Drainage, under suspension of the 20th joint rule. Ipswich River.

Petition of the directors of Milford and Woonsocket Railroad, for extension of time to extend their road, to the committee on Railroads, under suspension of the 20th joint rule. Milford and Woonsocket Railroad Co.

- Ohebei Shalom.** Petition of the Ohebei Shalom, for authority to hold additional property, to the committee on Parishes and Religious Societies, under suspension of the 20th joint rule.
- F. L. Capen.** Petition of F. L. Capen, for aid from the State to assist him in developing the science or system of predictive meteorology, to the committee on Education, under suspension of the 20th joint rule.
- Town aid to soldiers.** Petition of J. Newton Pike and others, for extension of authority for towns to give aid to disabled soldiers, sailors and their families, to the committee on Military Affairs.
- Women and children in factories.** Petition of E. M. Chamberlain and others, for amendment of the laws in relation to the labor of women and children in factories, to the committee on the Labor Question.
- Prohibitory law.** Petition of A. A. Miner, Wendell Phillips and others, against the repeal of the prohibitory liquor law, to the committee on the Liquor Law.

### *Bills Enacted.*

- Bills enacted** Engrossed bills :  
 To dissolve the East Abington Fire District ;  
 (Which originated in the House ;)  
 To extend the time for commencing the Cape Cod Ship Canal ;  
 (Which originated in the Senate ;)  
 Were severally passed to be enacted, signed and sent to the Senate.

### *Reports of Committees.*

- J. J. Fatal.** By Mr. Curtis of Marlborough, from the committee on Mercantile Affairs, leave to withdraw on petition of John J. Fatal and others, for a law preventing the city of Cambridge from collecting certain assessments for betterments.
- Registry of business firms.** By Mr. Hawkes of Lynn, from the same committee, leave to withdraw on two memorials of National Board of Trade, severally, for a law requiring registry of names of persons or firms doing business, and for a law providing for incorporation of persons desiring to do business.  
 Severally read, accepted under a suspension of the rule, and sent up for concurrence.
- By Mr. Knox of Lawrence, from the committee on the Judiciary, leave to withdraw on petition of Walter R.

Rowe, city clerk of Lawrence, asking for extension of time to make returns of births, marriages and deaths. Registration returns.

By Mr. Codman of Boston, from the same committee, asking to be discharged from further consideration of the petition of John Boyden and others, for amendment of the game laws, and that the same be referred to the committee on Agriculture. Game laws.

Severally read, accepted under a suspension of the rule, and the last-named petition sent up for concurrence in the reference.

Mr. Coffin of Winchester, from the committee on Elections, to whom was recommitted the petition of W. A. Haskell for the seat occupied by Harrison Closson, as representative from the Fifteenth Essex District, with instructions to count the votes for representative in said district, reported the result of such recount, and the following Resolution :— W. A. Haskell.

*Resolution declaring William A. Haskell entitled to the seat occupied by Harrison Closson, as Representative from the Fifteenth Representative District of Essex County.*

*Resolved*, That William A. Haskell of Marblehead is entitled to the seat in this House now occupied by Harrison Closson of Marblehead, as one of the representatives to the General Court from the Fifteenth Representative District of Essex County, it appearing, from a recount of the ballots for representative as aforesaid, made by the committee on Elections, under the instructions of the House, that the said Haskell received a plurality of votes over said Closson at the election of representatives held in said district the third day of November last.

Read, and adopted under a suspension of the rule.

By Mr. Cummings of Somerville, from the committee on Claims, on petition of John H. Lamson, a Resolve in favor of John H. Lamson. J. H. Lamson.

By Mr. Churchill of Boston, from the committee on Public Charitable Institutions, on petition of the trustees of the State Lunatic Asylum at Taunton, a Resolve in favor of the State Lunatic Hospital at Taunton. Taunton Lunatic Hospital.

Severally read and referred, in course, to the committee on Finance.

By Mr. Morse of Boston, from the committee on the Judiciary, leave to withdraw on petition of Maurice Maurice Morey.



Morey, for a hearing in reference to his being wrongfully imprisoned.

J. Simpson.

By Mr. Pratt of Boston, from the committee on Claims, leave to withdraw on petition of Joshua Simpson, for payment for services rendered the State.

Severally read and placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

Eastern Rail-  
road Co.

By Mr. Phillips of Salem, from the committee on Railroads, that a Bill, on leave, concerning the Eastern Railroad Company ought not to pass.

Superior Court.

By Mr. Knox of Lawrence, from the committee on the Judiciary, that a Bill, on leave, in relation to the superior court ought not to pass.

Severally placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow, the question in each case being on the rejection of the bill.

Pittsfield.

By Mr. Codman of Boston, from the committee on the Judiciary, that the Senate Bill in addition to an Act for supplying the town of Pittsfield with pure water ought to pass. Placed in the orders of the day for its second reading to-morrow.

Lynn.

By the same gentleman, from the same committee, on petition of the mayor of Lynn, a Bill to amend the charter of the city of Lynn.

Winthrop—  
clams.

By Mr. Johnson of Nahant, from the committee on the Fisheries, on petition of Samuel Ingalls and others, Bill concerning the clam fisheries in the town of Winthrop.

Severally read and ordered to a second reading.

### *Orders of the Day.*

Orders of the  
day.

The report of the committee on the Judiciary, leave to withdraw on petition of Samuel C. Cobb, mayor of Boston, for an Act authorizing to raise grade of certain territory, was accepted.

The Bill to incorporate the town of South Abington was read and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

The Bill in addition to an Act to incorporate the Mill Owners' Mutual Fire Insurance Company of Boston was read and ordered to a third reading.

The Bill to regulate the sale of intoxicating liquors was further considered.

Pending amendments moved by several members, it was ordered, on motion of Mr. Bowman of Somerville,

that the amendments be considered in their successive order, and debate restricted to the particular amendment under consideration.

Amendments moved by Messrs. Rice of Worcester, and Long of Hingham, were adopted.

Pending consideration of amendments moved by Messrs. Hatheway of Fall River, White of Williamstown, Smalley of Harwich, Kimball of Boston, and Curtis of Marlborough (the main question being on ordering the bill to a third reading),

The House, at 5.30,  
Adjourned.

THURSDAY, February 25, 1875.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer was offered by the Chaplain.

*Petitions Presented.*

By Mr. Jones of Deerfield, petition of William O. Comstock and others, in aid of petition of A. W. Stevens for a free bridge at Turner's Falls. Referred to the committee on Roads and Bridges. Turner's Falls bridge.

By Mr. Goodspeed of Barnstable, petition of S. B. Phinney and others of Barnstable, for the establishment of a fixed legal standard measure of a barrel of cranberries. Referred to the committee on Agriculture. Cranberries.

By Mr. Perkins of Boston, petition of G. Washington Warren, judge of the municipal court of the Charlestown District, for an increase of salary. Referred to the committee on State Salaries and Expenditures. G. W. Warren.

By Mr. Hill of Lowell, remonstrance of Edward McCoy and others, against the repeal of the ten-hour law. Referred to the committee on the Labor Question. Ten-hour law.

By Mr. Smalley of Harwich, remonstrance of Ozias C. Baker and 150 others of Harwich and Dennis; by Mr. Pew of Gloucester, remonstrance of J. O. Proctor and others of Gloucester, severally against the abolition of the office of Inspector-General of Fish. Inspector-General of Fish.

By Mr. Noble of Westfield, remonstrance of the Forest and Stream Club of Westfield, against the exemption of the Agawam and Westfield rivers from the operation of the law respecting fishways. Agawam and Westfield rivers.

Severally referred to the committee on the Fisheries.  
Severally sent up for concurrence.

*Introduced on Leave.*

Savings bank  
officers.

By Mr. Davis of Holyoke, a Bill to prohibit officers of savings banks from acting as insurance agents. Read and referred to the committee on Banks and Banking.

Sent up for concurrence.

Boston Water  
Board.

By Mr. Codman of Boston, under suspension of the 20th joint rule, a Bill to amend chapter 179 of the Acts of 1874, entitled "An Act to establish the Boston Water Board." Read and referred to the committee on the Judiciary, and sent up for concurrence in the suspension of the 20th joint rule.

Manufacturing  
corporations.

By the same gentleman, a Bill in addition to chapter 224 of the Acts of 1870, entitled "An Act concerning manufacturing and other corporations." Read and referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

*Orders.*

Religious so-  
cieties.

Ecclesiastical  
law.

On motion of Mr. Churchill of Boston,—

*Ordered*, That the committee on the Judiciary consider the expediency of such additional legislation as will enable religious societies to borrow and lend money; also, the expediency of amending the ecclesiastical laws of the State.

Ballots.

On motion of Mr. Osgood of Salem,—

*Ordered*, That the committee on Elections consider and report what amendments, if any, are expedient to chapter 376 of the Acts of 1874, in relation to the preservation and recount of ballots.

Election law.

On motion of Mr. Codman of Boston,—

*Ordered*, That the committee on Elections consider what amendments are necessary to chapter 376 of the Acts of 1874, entitled "An Act relating to elections."

*Papers from the Senate.*

Bills :

Cheshire Water  
Company.  
Vagrants.

To incorporate the Cheshire Water Company; and  
Concerning vagrants;

Which were severally passed to be engrossed by the Senate, were read and ordered to a second reading.

The report of the committee of Conference, asking to be discharged from the further consideration of the matters of difference between the two branches, relating to the petition of Edward Crane and associates, was read and placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

E. Crane et als.

The petition of the Ashburnham Railroad Company, for leave to mortgage its road, was referred, in concurrence, under suspension of the 20th joint rule, to the committee on Railroads.

Ashburnham  
Railroad Co.

*Ordered*, In concurrence, that Wednesday next, at 3 o'clock, . P. M., be assigned for a convention of both Houses, for the purpose of choosing two directors, on the part of the State, of the Boston and Albany Railroad Corporation.

State Directors  
—B. & A. R. R.

### *Reports of Committees.*

By Mr. Allen of Duxbury, from the committee on Towns, asking to be discharged from further consideration of the petition of Mark Allen and others of Woburn, for a law securing to the people the right to inspect the records of the selectmen in their several towns, and recommending that it be referred to the committee on the Judiciary. Read, accepted under a suspension of the rule, and sent up for concurrence.

Selectmen's  
records.

By Mr. Copeland of Springfield, from the committee on Probate and Chancery, that the House Resolve granting authority to the deacons of the First Baptist Society of Westborough to mortgage its church property, ought not to pass. Placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow, the question being on its rejection.

First Baptist  
Church, West-  
borough.

By Mr. Pope of Boston, from the committee on Insurance, on an Order, a Bill to repeal section 57, chapter 58 of the General Statutes, concerning the location of risks to be taken by mutual fire insurance companies. Read and ordered to a second reading.

Insurance risks.

### *Bills Enacted.*

Engrossed bills :

Ceding jurisdiction to the United States over lands used for customs offices or marine hospitals ; and

Bills enacted.

To extend the charters of certain insurance companies ;  
(Which severally originated in the House of Representatives ;)

Were severally passed to be enacted, signed and sent to the Senate.

*Orders of the Day.*

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day.

The report of the committee on the Judiciary, leave to withdraw on the petition of Maurice Morey, for a hearing in reference to his being wrongfully imprisoned, was accepted.

The Bill to regulate the sale of intoxicating liquors was further considered.

Mr. Bowman of Somerville moved to reconsider the vote whereby the House yesterday adopted the amendment to section 4, moved by Mr. Rice of Worcester, known as the "local option" clause.

On motion of Mr. Tompkins of Boston, the yeas and nays were ordered, and the roll being called, the motion to reconsider was lost by a vote of 74 yeas to 153 nays, as follows :—

## YEAS.

Messrs. Andrew Athy,  
Giles G. Barker,  
T. D. Beach,  
James Bergin,  
John H. Blake,  
Wm. E. Blunt,  
Horace L. Bowker,  
Selwyn Z. Bowman,  
Osgood Bradley, Jr.,  
Wm. E. Bridgman,  
Michael Carney,  
William Carroll,  
Patrick Collins,  
Austin H. Connell,  
Owen Coogan,  
F. S. Coolidge,  
A. M. Copeland,  
J. W. Coveney,  
Benj. F. Davis,  
Jacob W. Davis,  
Neil Doherty,  
C. W. Duggan,  
James E. Estabrook,  
Thomas F. Fitz Gerald,  
John D. Flynn,  
Charles L. Gardner,  
Albert W. Gaskill,  
James W. Gaylord,  
William M. Gaylord,

Messrs. Daniel G. Green,  
Nicholas Hatheway,  
Moses B. Heywood,  
James E. Hill,  
William A. Hodges,  
S. D. Hood,  
M. M. Hovey,  
Francis M. Hughes,  
S. A. Jacobs,  
George P. Kingsley,  
Wm. S. Knox,  
Geo. T. Lincoln,  
James L. Locke,  
James T. Mahony,  
John B. Martin,  
James A. McDonald,  
Clement Meserve,  
Reuben Noble,  
Daniel Noonan,  
Chas. S. Osgood,  
Chas. M. Peirce, Jr.,  
Wm. E. Perkins,  
Thomas F. Plunkett,  
Richard Pope,  
Edward B. Rankin,  
Albert E. Rice,  
Joshua C. Robinson,  
Edward Sanderson,  
Chas. B. Sanford,

Messrs. Cyrus Savage,  
Nathaniel Seaver,  
Chas. L. Shaw,  
Frederick P. Shaw,  
Albert Smith,  
E. F. Smith,  
E. A. Spaulding,  
Dan'l J. Sweeney,

Messrs. Dexter A. Tompkins,  
Byron Truell,  
Chas. R. Tucker, Jr.,  
Cranmore N. Wallace,  
Felix G. Whitney,  
Henry M. Wilcox,  
Moses Williams, Jr.,  
Walter Wyman.

NAYS.

Messrs. James Abbe,  
Ebenezer Adams,  
Samuel Allen,  
Stephen M. Allen,  
Michael Atkinson,  
John J. Babson,  
Daniel D. Bailey,  
Cyrus F. Baker,  
John I. Baker,  
Joseph H. Baker,  
George Beal,  
John H. Bell,  
Wm. H. Bent,  
John Best,  
John C. Bickford,  
Stephen F. Blaney,  
Frederick L. Bosworth,  
Sylvester W. Bowen,  
Reuben Boynton,  
Wilbur F. Brigham,  
Wm. E. Bright,  
Samuel R. Brintnall,  
Charles M. Brown,  
Isaac T. Burr,  
James H. Carleton,  
William Chase,  
Gardner A. Churchill,  
Isaiah Churchill,  
Charles R. Codman,  
A. B. Coffin,  
Augustine P. Cook,  
Lowell Coolidge,  
John A. Cummings,  
Ben. C. Currier,  
Francis C. Curtis,  
Wm. D. Curtis,  
Levi L. Cushing, Jr.,  
Epes Davis,  
Lewis Day,  
Henry Dennis, Jr.,

Messrs. James W. Dwyer,  
George W. Dyer,  
Edwin Ellis,  
John B. Fairbanks,  
Luther Fisk,  
Samuel Flower,  
Alpheus Fobes,  
William Frost,  
Henry W. Fuller,  
Emerson Geer,  
Edward E. Gibbs,  
Benjamin Gifford,  
Levi L. Goodspeed,  
Elbridge H. Goss,  
Thomas T. Griggs,  
Dexter Grose,  
Charles Hale,  
Gayton M. Hall,  
George Hall,  
Solomon E. Hallett,  
David E. Harding,  
George Haven,  
Nathan M. Hawkes,  
Samuel R. Heywood,  
Joseph W. Hill,  
Beriah T. Hillman,  
E. Everett Holbrook,  
Amos B. Holden,  
Henry T. Holmes,  
Daniel P. Hopkinson,  
Wm. B. Howard,  
Frederick G. Howes,  
Henry L. James,  
Edward J. Johnson,  
Thomas Johnson,  
George W. Jones,  
Isaac N. Keith,  
Philo Keith,  
Wm. Keith,  
Ziba C. Keith,

Messrs. Edward Kendall,  
 Moses Kimball,  
 Wm. S. King,  
 Daniel W. Lawrence,  
 John B. Le Baron,  
 Benj. F. Leighton,  
 Daniel J. Lewis,  
 Pliny T. Litchfield,  
 John D. Long,  
 William Martin,  
 Joseph T. Massey,  
 Edward S. May,  
 Samuel May,  
 John J. McNutt,  
 Wm. B. Merrill,  
 Southard H. Miller,  
 Henry S. Miner,  
 F. G. Morris,  
 Frederick P. Moseley,  
 W. Stanley Newhall,  
 Geo. L. Newton,  
 Isaac N. Nutter,  
 Harrison D. Packard,  
 Joseph F. Paul,  
 Chas. H. Pew, 2d,  
 Willard P. Phillips,  
 Stephen C. Phinney,  
 James Pierce,  
 Alanson B. Pomeroy,  
 Isaac Pratt, Jr.,  
 Willard Putnam,  
 Geo. W. Reed,  
 Wm. W. Rice,  
 Thomas Rich,  
 J. C. Richmond,  
 John L. Robinson,  
 Wallace F. Robinson,

Messrs. Charles A. Rogers,  
 Joseph S. Ropes,  
 Cyrus K. Russell,  
 Nath'l J. Rust,  
 John S. Ryder,  
 John Sanborn,  
 John Savery,  
 Ebenezer Sawyer,  
 John M. Seeley,  
 Isaiah A. Small,  
 Geo. D. Smalley,  
 Abraham H. Smith,  
 John L. Smith,  
 Richard H. Stearns,  
 Isaac Stebbins,  
 Lafayette Stevens,  
 John C. Stimpson,  
 Isaac Stone,  
 Chas. A. F. Swan,  
 Leonard A. Thayer,  
 Wm. A. Thompson,  
 Daniel H. Thurston,  
 George H. Torrey,  
 Enoch H. Towne,  
 Albert J. Trull,  
 Artemas S. Tyler,  
 Edmond M. Vincent,  
 George M. Warren,  
 Austin C. Wellington,  
 Joseph White,  
 Wilbur F. Whitney,  
 E. Crosby Willard,  
 Nathan M. Wood,  
 John H. Woodbury,  
 John H. Woodbury,<sup>Boston,</sup>  
 William Woods.<sup>Beverly,</sup>

Yeas, 74 ; nays, 153.

Amendments moved by Messrs. Curtis of Marlborough, Bowker of Boston, Long of Hingham, and Meserve of Hopkinton, were severally adopted ; and pending further amendments moved, the House, at 5.15,  
 Adjourned.

FRIDAY, February 26, 1875.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer was offered by the Chaplain.

*Petitions Presented.*

By Mr. Hillman of Chilmark, petition of Timothy Luce and others of Tisbury, asking for a standard and legal measure of a barrel of cranberries. Cranberries. Placed on file.

By Mr. Truell of Lawrence, the remonstrance of T. R. Beares and others of Taunton; and of William J. Creasy and others of Newburyport, against the repeal or modification of the ten-hour law. Ten-hour law. Severally referred to the committee on the Labor Question.

Sent up for concurrence.

*Order.*

On motion of Mr. Dennis of Rockport,—

*Ordered*, That the committee on the Fisheries consider the expediency of further legislation in reference to the inspection of fish. Inspection of fish.

Sent up for concurrence.

*Papers from the Senate.*

Papers were referred in concurrence as follows :

Petitions of C. P. Wells and others; and of Laming and Drisko and others, in aid of the petition of Dr. Calvin Ellis, in regard to a public park for the city of Boston. Boston—park. Severally to the committee on Water Supply and Drainage.

Petition of C. R. Ransom and others, for an Act of incorporation as the Municipal Loan Company of Boston, Municipal Loan Co. to the committee on Banks and Banking, under suspension of the 20th joint rule.

Remonstrance of David O. Allen and others of Lowell, Ten-hour law. against any modification of the ten-hour law, to the committee on the Labor Question.

*Reports :*

Of the committee on Public Charitable Institutions, leave to withdraw on petition of Samuel C. Cobb and others, relative to the passage of an Act to establish a State Inebriate Asylum; and State Inebriate Asylum.



Lobsters.

Of the committee on the Fisheries, leave to withdraw on the petition of W. B. Brown and others of Marblehead, for amendments of the law relating to the preservation of lobsters ;

Severally accepted by the Senate, were read and placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

Chelsea marsh lands.

The report of the committee on Water Supply and Drainage, asking to be discharged from further consideration of the petition of Charles H. Ferson, mayor of the city of Chelsea, for an Act to establish a grade on certain marsh lands, and recommending that it be referred to the Senate committee on the Judiciary, was read, and so much as discharges the committee was accepted in concurrence.

Lexington Centennial.

A Bill to authorize the town of Lexington to raise money for a centennial celebration of the battle of Lexington, passed to be engrossed by the Senate, was read and, under suspension of the rules, moved by Mr. Allen of Duxbury, was read a second time.

Subsequently, the bill was reported as correctly drawn by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading, and, under suspension of the rule, was read a third time and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

### *Bill Enacted.*

Bill enacted.

Engrossed bill :

In relation to mutual fire insurance companies created by the laws of other States (which originated in the Senate), was passed to be enacted, signed and sent to the Senate.

### *Reports of Committees.*

Deerfield.

By Mr. Putnam of New Salem, from the committee on Education, leave to withdraw on petition of William Anderson and others of Deerfield, for an Act to allow said town to return to the school district system. Read, accepted under suspension of the rule, and sent up for concurrence.

Board of Appeal.

By Mr. Heywood of Concord, from the committee on the Judiciary, inexpedient to legislate on an Order of the House to inquire into the expediency of amending section 13, chapter 283 of the Acts of the year 1865, relating to the Board of Appeal. Read and placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

Brookline—debt.

By Mr. Knox of Lawrence, from the committee on the Judiciary, that the Bill, on leave, to authorize the town of

Brookline to issue bonds for the purpose of funding its debts, ought to pass. Placed in the orders of the day for a second reading to-morrow.

By Mr. Codman of Boston, from the same committee, Poisons. on an Order relative to the vending of poisons, a Bill to regulate the issuing of certain medicines by apothecaries and others.

By Mr. Hallett of Chatham, from the committee on Second M. E. Church, North Bridgewater. Parishes and Religious Societies, on petition of the officers and trustees of the Second Methodist Episcopal Church of North Bridgewater, a Bill to change the name of the Second Methodist Episcopal Church of North Bridgewater.

By Mr. Flower of Agawam, from the committee on Cranberries. Agriculture, on petition of F. P. Jones and others, and petitions in aid of same, a Bill to establish a legal and standard measure of a barrel of cranberries.

Severally read and ordered to a second reading.

### *Orders of the Day.*

The report of the committee of Conference, asking to be discharged from the further consideration of the matters of difference between the two branches, relating to the petition of Edward Crane and associates, was accepted in concurrence; and the House also concurred in the appointment of a second committee of Conference, Messrs. Livingston, Hunt and Howard being the committee on the part of the Senate. Orders of the day.

The Resolve granting authority to the deacons of the First Baptist Society of Westborough to mortgage its church property was rejected, in accordance with the recommendation of the committee on Probate and Chancery.

#### Bills :

In addition to an Act for supplying the town of Pittsfield with pure water; and

To incorporate the Cheshire Water Company;

Were severally read and ordered to a third reading.

The Bill in addition to an Act to incorporate the Mill Owners' Mutual Fire Insurance Company of Boston was read, passed to be engrossed and sent up for concurrence.

The Bill to regulate the sale of intoxicating liquors was further considered. Amendments moved by Messrs.

Gardner of Palmer, Hatheway of Fall River, Stone of Northampton, Kimball of Boston, and Rice of Worcester, were severally adopted.

Pending the consideration of amendments moved by Messrs. May of Leicester and Putnam of New Salem, the further consideration of the bill was postponed until Tuesday next.

The Bill to provide for a lien upon real estate for the expense of the abatement of certain nuisances was read a second time and considered. Pending an amendment moved by Mr. Codman of Boston, the bill, on motion of Mr. Allen of Duxbury, was laid on the table.

The orders of the day were laid on the table, and Mr. Torrey of South Scituate moved that when the House adjourns it be to meet on Tuesday next.

Mr. Kimball of Boston moved to amend so that when the House adjourns to-morrow it be to meet on Tuesday next.

Pending the question on the amendment, at 4.40, the House

Adjourned.

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SATURDAY, February 27, 1875.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer was offered by the Chaplain.

#### *Orders.*

On motion of Mr. Keith of Bridgewater,—

Dog-laws.

*Ordered*, That the committee on Agriculture consider the expediency of amending the laws relating to dogs.

On motion of Mr. Brigham of Hudson,—

Overseers of  
houses of cor-  
rection.

*Ordered*, That the committee on Prisons consider the expediency of abolishing the office of overseers of houses of correction, provided for in section 9, chapter 178 General Statutes, and of requiring their duties to be performed by the County Commissioners.

Severally sent up for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. Long of Hingham,—

Monitors.

*Ordered*, That no monitor shall be absent from his seat during the sessions of the House, without first providing a substitute to act in his place.

On motion of Mr. Phillips of Salem, the report of the committee on the use of the Commonwealth Flats as Terminal Grounds for Railroads was taken from the table, and referred to a joint special committee, to consist of five on the part of the House, with such as the Senate may join.

South Boston Flats.

Sent up for concurrence.

*Resolve Passed.*

An engrossed Resolve :

Resolve passed.

In favor of the town of Scituate ;

(Which originated in the Senate ;)

Was passed, signed and sent to the Senate.

The Speaker announced the following appointments of committees :—

On committee on State Salaries and Expenditures : Mr. Fuller of Boston, to fill a vacancy.

State salaries.

On committee on Education : Mr. Robinson of Wenhams, to fill a vacancy.

On committee of Conference on petition of Edward Crane and associates : Messrs. Goss of Melrose, Blaney of Peabody and Brigham of Hudson (joined with Messrs. Livingston, Hunt and Howard of the Senate).

E. Crane et als.

*Report of a Committee.*

By Mr. King of Boston, on an Order, a Resolve to authorize the publication of a list of Massachusetts officers and sailors who served in the navy in the late civil war. Read, and referred in course to the committee on Finance.

Navy record.

*Paper from the Senate.*

The report of the committee on Public Charitable Institutions, requesting to be discharged from further consideration of a Bill making appropriations for expenses of sundry charitable and reformatory institutions, was read, and accepted in concurrence.

Appropriations.

*Orders of the Day.*

The report of the committee on Fisheries, leave to withdraw on petition of William B. Brown and others, for amendments of the law relative to the preservation of lobsters, was read, and accepted in concurrence.

Orders of the day.

**Bills :**

To change the name of the Second Methodist Episcopal Church of North Bridgewater ; and

To authorize the town of Brookline to issue bonds for the purpose of funding its debts ;

Were severally read and ordered to a third reading.

A Bill to incorporate the Cheshire Water Company, was read and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

The Resolve providing for an amendment to the Constitution in relation to district-attorneys, was read a third time, and the question being stated on agreeing to said article of amendment, in these words, to wit : " So much of the nineteenth article of the amendments of the Constitution of this Commonwealth as relates to the election of district-attorneys, is hereby annulled ; and district-attorneys shall be nominated and appointed by the Governor, by and with the advice and consent of the Council," it was agreed to, two-thirds of the members of the House present and voting thereon having voted in the affirmative, as follows :—

**YEAS.**

**Messrs.** Samuel Allen,  
John J. Babson,  
John I. Baker,  
Joseph H. Baker,  
John H. Bell,  
John Best,  
John H. Blake,  
Stephen F. Blaney,  
William E. Blunt,  
Sylvester W. Bowen,  
William E. Bright,  
Samuel R. Brintnall,  
Charles M. Brown,  
Isaac T. Burr,  
William Chase,  
Isaiah Churchill,  
Charles R. Codman,  
A. B. Coffin,  
Augustine P. Cook,  
John A. Cummings,  
Francis C. Curtis,  
Wm. D. Curtis,  
Levi L. Cushing, Jr.,  
Lewis Day,

**Messrs.** Henry Dennis, Jr.,  
James E. Estabrook,  
John B. Fairbanks,  
Samuel Flower,  
Alpheus Fobes,  
William Frost,  
Henry W. Fuller,  
James W. Gaylord,  
Elbridge H. Goss,  
Dexter Grose,  
Charles Hale,  
George Hall,  
William A. Haskell,  
Nathan M. Hawkes,  
George Heywood,  
Moses B. Heywood,  
Samuel R. Heywood,  
Joseph W. Hill,  
Henry T. Holmes,  
Salmon D. Hood,  
Edward J. Johnson,  
Isaac N. Keith,  
Edward Kendall,  
Moses Kimball,

Messrs. William S. King,  
John B. Le Baron,  
Benj. F. Leighton,  
Daniel J. Lewis,  
Pliny T. Litchfield,  
John D. Long,  
William Martin,  
Samuel May,  
Wm. B. Merrill,  
Clement Meserve,  
Joseph Mitchell, 2d,  
Edward W. Noble,  
Daniel Noonan,  
Isaac N. Nutter,  
Charles S. Osgood,  
Joseph F. Paul,  
Charles M. Peirce, Jr.,  
William E. Perkins,  
Chas. H. Pew, 2d,  
Willard P. Phillips,  
Isaac Pratt, Jr.,  
William W. Rice,  
John L. Robinson,  
Wallace F. Robinson,  
Joseph S. Ropes,

Messrs. Nathaniel J. Rust,  
Cyrus Savage,  
John Savery,  
Frederick P. Shaw,  
Isaiah A. Small,  
E. F. Smith,  
John L. Smith,  
Richard H. Stearns,  
John C. Stimpson,  
Isaac Stone,  
Charles A. F. Swan,  
Samuel Talbot, Jr.,  
Daniel H. Thurston,  
Dexter A. Tompkins,  
George H. Torrey,  
Enoch H. Towne,  
Albert J. Trull,  
Chas. R. Tucker, Jr.,  
Artemas S. Tyler,  
Austin C. Wellington,  
Wilbur F. Whitney,  
Moses Williams, Jr.  
John H. Woodbury,  
Beverly,  
William Woods,  
Walter Wyman.

NAYS.

Messrs. Ebenezer Adams,  
Andrew Athy,  
Michael Atkinson,  
Daniel D. Bailey,  
James Bergin,  
Osgood Bradley, Jr.,  
Wilbur F. Brigham,  
Michael Carney,  
Patrick Collins,  
J. W. Coveney,  
Benj. F. Davis,  
Epes Davis,  
Neil Doherty,  
C. W. Duggan,  
Luther Fisk,  
John D. Flynn,  
Albert W. Gaskill,  
Edward E. Gibbs,  
Benjamin Gifford,  
Solomon E. Hallett,  
David E. Harding,  
James E. Hill,

Messrs. Wm. A. Hodges,  
M. M. Hovey,  
Wm. B. Howard,  
Francis M. Hughes,  
Philo Keith,  
George P. Kingsley,  
Daniel W. Lawrence,  
James T. Mahony,  
John B. Martin,  
George L. Newton,  
Stephen C. Phinney,  
Edward B. Rankin,  
J. C. Richmond,  
John Sanborn,  
Charles B. Sanford,  
Abraham H. Smith,  
Albert Smith,  
E. A. Spaulding,  
Daniel J. Sweeney,  
Leonard A. Thayer,  
Byron Truell,  
Cranmore N. Wallace.

Yeas, 98 ; nays, 44.

The Resolve providing for an amendment to the Constitution in relation to sheriffs was read a third time, and the question being stated on agreeing to said article of amendment, in these words, to wit: "So much of the nineteenth article of the amendments of the Constitution as relates to the election of sheriffs is hereby annulled, and sheriffs shall be nominated and appointed by the Governor, by and with the advice and consent of the Council," it was agreed to, two-thirds of the members of the House present and voting thereon having voted in the affirmative, as follows:—

## YEAS.

**Messrs.** Ebenezer Adams,  
 Samuel Allen,  
 John J. Babson,  
 John I. Baker,  
 Joseph H. Baker,  
 John H. Bell,  
 John Best,  
 John H. Blake,  
 Stephen F. Blaney,  
 Wm. E. Blunt,  
 Wm. E. Bright,  
 Samuel R. Brintnall,  
 Isaac T. Burr,  
 William Chase,  
 Isaiah Churchill,  
 Charles R. Codman,  
 Abraham B. Coffin,  
 Augustine P. Cook,  
 John A. Cummings,  
 Francis C. Curtis,  
 Wm. D. Curtis,  
 Levi L. Cushing, Jr.,  
 Epes Davis,  
 Lewis Day,  
 Henry Dennis, Jr.,  
 James E. Estabrook,  
 John B. Fairbanks,  
 Samuel Flower,  
 Alpheus Fobes,  
 William Frost,  
 H. W. Fuller,  
 James W. Gaylord,  
 Elbridge H. Goss,  
 Charles Hale,  
 George Hall,

**Messrs.** Nathan M. Hawkes,  
 George Heywood,  
 Moses B. Heywood,  
 Samuel R. Heywood,  
 Wm. A. Hodges,  
 Henry T. Holmes,  
 Salmon D. Hood,  
 Edward J. Johnson,  
 Isaac N. Keith,  
 Philo Keith,  
 Edward Kendall,  
 Moses Kimball,  
 William S. King,  
 John B. Le Baron,  
 Benj. F. Leighton,  
 Daniel J. Lewis,  
 Pliny T. Litchfield,  
 John D. Long,  
 Samuel May,  
 James A. McDonald,  
 Clement Meserve,  
 Southard H. Miller,  
 Edward W. Noble,  
 Daniel Noonan,  
 Isaac N. Nutter,  
 Charles S. Osgood,  
 Joseph F. Paul,  
 Charles M. Peirce, Jr.,  
 Wm. E. Perkins,  
 Chas. H. Pew, 2d,  
 Willard P. Phillips,  
 Isaac Pratt, Jr.,  
 Wm. W. Rice,  
 John L. Robinson,  
 Wallace F. Robinson,

Messrs. Joseph S. Ropes,  
John Sanborn,  
Cyrus Savage,  
John Savery,  
Frederick P. Shaw,  
E. F. Smith,  
John L. Smith,  
Edwin A. Spaulding,  
Richard H. Stearns,  
John C. Stimpson,  
Chas. A. F. Swan,  
Samuel Talbot, Jr.,  
Wm. A. Thompson,

Messrs. Daniel H. Thurston,  
Dexter A. Tompkins,  
Geo. H. Torrey,  
Enoch H. Towne,  
Albert J. Trull,  
Chas. R. Tucker, Jr.,  
Artemas S. Tyler,  
George M. Warren,  
Austin C. Wellington,  
Wilbur F. Whitney,  
Moses Williams, Jr.,  
John H. Woodbury,  
Walter Wyman. <sup>Beverly,</sup>

NAYS.

Messrs. Andrew Athy,  
Michael Atkinson,  
Daniel D. Bailey,  
James Bergin,  
Osgood Bradley, Jr.,  
Wilbur F. Brigham,  
Charles M. Brown,  
Michael Carney,  
Patrick Collins,  
J. W. Coveney,  
Benj. F. Davis,  
Neil Doherty,  
C. W. Duggan,  
John D. Flynn,  
Albert W. Gaskill,  
Edward E. Gibbs,  
Benjamin Gifford,  
Solomon E. Hallett,  
William A. Haskell,

Messrs. Joseph W. Hill,  
M. M. Hovey,  
Francis M. Hughes,  
Thomas Johnson,  
George P. Kingsley,  
James T. Mahony,  
John B. Martin,  
Joseph Mitchell, 2d,  
George L. Newton,  
Stephen C. Phinney,  
J. C. Richmond,  
Charles B. Sanford,  
Abraham H. Smith,  
Albert Smith,  
Daniel J. Sweeney,  
Leonard A. Thayer,  
Byron Truell,  
Cranmore N. Wallace.

Yeas, 96 ; nays, 37.

The Resolve providing for an amendment to the Constitution in relation to commissioners of insolvency, was read a third time, and the question being stated on agreeing to said article of amendment, in these words, to wit: "So much of the nineteenth article of the amendments of the Constitution of this Commonwealth as relates to the election of commissioners of insolvency is hereby annulled," it was agreed to, two-thirds of the members of the House present and voting thereon having voted in the affirmative, as follows:—



## YEAS.

Messrs. Ebenezer Adams,  
 Samuel Allen,  
 Michael Atkinson,  
 John J. Babson,  
 Daniel D. Bailey,  
 Cyrus F. Baker,  
 John I. Baker,  
 Joseph H. Baker,  
 John H. Bell,  
 John H. Blake,  
 Stephen F. Blaney,  
 William E. Blunt,  
 Sylvester W. Bowen,  
 William E. Bright,  
 Samuel R. Brintnall,  
 Isaac T. Burr,  
 Charles R. Codman,  
 Abraham B. Coffin,  
 Augustine P. Cook,  
 J. W. Coveney,  
 John A. Cummings,  
 Francis C. Curtis,  
 William D. Curtis,  
 Levi L. Cushing, Jr.,  
 Henry Dennis, Jr.,  
 C. W. Duggan,  
 John B. Fairbanks,  
 Samuel Flower,  
 William Frost,  
 H. W. Fuller,  
 Albert W. Gaskill,  
 James W. Gaylord,  
 Benjamin Gifford,  
 Charles Hale,  
 George Hall,  
 Nathan M. Hawkes,  
 George Heywood,  
 Samuel R. Heywood,  
 Joseph W. Hill,  
 Henry T. Holmes,  
 Salmon D. Hood,  
 M. M. Hovey,  
 Edward J. Johnson,  
 Isaac N. Keith,  
 Moses Kimball,  
 William S. King,

Messrs. John B. Le Baron,  
 Daniel J. Lewis,  
 Pliny T. Litchfield,  
 John D. Long,  
 Samuel May,  
 James A. McDonald,  
 Clement Meserve,  
 Southard H. Miller,  
 Joseph Mitchell, 2d,  
 Edward W. Noble,  
 Daniel Noonan,  
 Isaac N. Nutter,  
 Charles S. Osgood,  
 Joseph F. Paul,  
 Chas. M. Peirce, Jr.,  
 Wm. E. Perkins,  
 Charles H. Pew, 2d,  
 Willard P. Phillips,  
 Isaac Pratt, Jr.,  
 William W. Rice,  
 John L. Robinson,  
 Wallace F. Robinson,  
 Joseph S. Ropes,  
 Cyrus Savage,  
 John Savery,  
 Frederick P. Shaw,  
 Abraham H. Smith,  
 Edward F. Smith,  
 John L. Smith,  
 Edwin A. Spaulding,  
 Richard H. Stearns,  
 John C. Stimpson,  
 Isaac Stone,  
 Charles A. F. Swan,  
 Samuel Talbot, Jr.,  
 Dexter A. Tompkins,  
 George H. Torrey,  
 Enoch H. Towne,  
 Albert J. Trull,  
 Artemas S. Tyler,  
 George M. Warren,  
 Austin C. Wellington,  
 Wilbur F. Whitney,  
 Moses Williams, Jr.,  
 John H. Woodbury,  
 Beverly,  
 Walter Wyman.

NAVS.

Messrs. Andrew Athy,  
James Berghin,  
Osgood Bradley, Jr.,  
Wilbur F. Brigham,  
Michael Carney,  
Patrick Collins,  
Benjamin F. Davis,  
Neil Doherty,  
John D. Flynn,  
Alpheus Fobes,  
Edward E. Gibbs,  
Solomon E. Hallett,  
James E. Hill,

Messrs. Francis M. Hughes,  
Thomas Johnson,  
George P. Kingsley,  
James T. Mahony,  
George L. Newton,  
Stephen C. Phinney,  
Jonathan C. Richmond,  
John Sanborn,  
Charles B. Sanford,  
Albert Smith,  
Leonard A. Thayer,  
Byron Truell,  
Cranmore N. Wallace.

Yeas, 92 ; nays, 26.

And the above articles of amendment were severally referred in concurrence to the General Court next to be chosen.

On motion of Mr. Torrey of South Scituate, the orders of the day were laid on the table, and, on motion of the same gentleman, it was voted that when the House adjourns it be to meet on Tuesday next.

At 1.15, P. M., the House  
Adjourned.

TUESDAY, March 2, 1875.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer was offered by the Chaplain.

*Petition Presented.*

By Mr. Torrey of South Scituate, petition of Gilman C. Lobsters. Whiting and 81 others, for an amendment to chapter 110 of the Acts of 1874, entitled "An Act for the preservation of lobsters." Referred to the committee on the Fisheries.  
Sent up for concurrence.

*Orders.*

On motion of Mr. Torrey of South Scituate,—

*Ordered,* That the joint committee on Printing consider the expediency of so amending the 23d joint rule relative <sup>Twenty-third joint rule.</sup>

to the general order to "print a report, bill or other document," that the number to be printed shall be *nine* hundred, instead of eight hundred.

Sent up for concurrence.

*Papers from the Senate.*

Papers were referred, in concurrence, as follows:—

E. Crane et als.

Petitions of Charles E. Wiggin and 147 others of Boston, and of J. R. Rogers and 309 others of North Brookfield, in aid of the petition of Edward Crane and others, for the incorporation of the Boston and Chicago Railway and Trust Company, severally to the committee of Conference on the petition of Edward Crane and others.

M. O. Adams.

Petition of Melvin O. Adams, clerk for the district-attorney of Suffolk County, for increase of salary, to committee on State Salaries and Expenditures.

Boston and Newton.

Petition of William H. Long and others in aid of the petition of Pope and others, for the annexation of part of Boston to the city of Newton, to the committee on Towns.

Taxation Commissioners.

Order relative to binding report of the Commissioners on the laws relating to Taxation, to the joint committee on Printing.

Protection of fishes.

*Ordered*, In concurrence, that the committee on the Fisheries be instructed to inquire and report whether any further legislation is necessary for the protection of useful fishes in this Commonwealth.

Reports:

Compulsory education.

Of the committee on Education, asking to be discharged from the further consideration of the petition of Jesse H. Jones, for the enactment of a compulsory education law, and that the same be referred to the committee on the Labor Question; and

Board of State Charities.

Of the committee on Prisons, no legislation necessary on so much of the Eleventh Annual Report of the Board of State Charities as relates to the State Prison at Charlestown and the prison system of the State, were severally read and accepted in concurrence, under suspension of the rule.

Peddlers' licenses.

The report of the committee on Mercantile Affairs, leave to withdraw on the petition of Jonathan Luther and others, for an amendment to the peddlers' license law, was read and placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

*Reports of Committees.*

By Mr. Allen of Walpole, from the committee on Greenfield.  
Claims, on the petition of the selectmen of Greenfield, a  
Resolve in favor of the town of Greenfield. Read and  
referred in course to the committee on Finance.

By Mr. Pratt of Boston, from the same committee, J. M. White.  
leave to withdraw on the petition of Joseph M. White of  
Newburyport for state aid. Read and placed in the  
orders of the day for to-morrow.

By Mr. Holden of Westminster, from the same com- D. McAllister, Jr.  
mittee, that the Resolve (on leave) in favor of Daniel  
McAllister, Jr., ought not to pass. Placed in the orders  
of the day for to-morrow, the question being on its  
rejection.

By Mr. Coolidge of Sherborn, from the committee on Second Parish  
of Sherborn.  
Parishes and Religious Societies, on the petition of the  
Second Parish of Sherborn, a Bill to change the name of  
the Second Parish in Sherborn.

By Mr. Codman of Boston, from the committee on the Manufacturing  
corporations.  
Judiciary, on the petition of E. G. Kelley, and Bill, on  
leave, to amend chapter 224, Acts of 1870, a Bill con-  
cerning manufacturing and other corporations.

Severally read and ordered to a second reading.

*Bills Enacted.*

Engrossed bills :

Bills enacted.

Concerning the shell-fisheries of the town of Brewster ;  
(Which originated in the House ;)

To incorporate the town of South Abington ; and

To authorize the town of Lexington to raise money for  
a centennial celebration of the battle of Lexington ;

(Which severally originated in the Senate ;)

Were severally passed to be enacted, signed, and sent  
to the Senate.

*Orders of the Day.*

The report of the committee on Public Charitable Insti- Orders of the  
day.  
tutions, leave to withdraw on the petition of Samuel T.  
Cobb and others, for the passage of an Act to establish a  
state inebriate asylum, was accepted in concurrence.

The Bill to regulate the sale of intoxicating liquors was  
further considered.

Mr. May having moved an amendment to the Bill by  
adding at the end of line 13, section 5, the words, "and

in any vote which may be taken in any city or town upon the granting of license to sell liquors, all the adult inhabitants of legal residence shall be entitled to vote, without distinction of sex," on motion of Mr. Churchill of Boston, the yeas and nays were ordered on the question of its adoption.

The roll being called, the amendment was rejected by a vote of 65 yeas to 128 nays, as follows:—

## YEAS.

Messrs. Stephen M. Allen,  
John J. Babson,  
Cyrus F. Baker,  
Joseph H. Baker,  
Giles G. Barker,  
George Beal,  
John H. Bell,  
John Best,  
John C. Bickford,  
William E. Blunt,  
Horace L. Bowker,  
Selwyn Z. Bowman,  
Wilbur F. Brigham,  
Samuel R. Brintnall,  
Charles M. Brown,  
William Chase,  
Gardner A. Churchill,  
Isaiah Churchill,  
A. B. Coffin,  
Francis C. Curtis,  
Levi L. Cushing, Jr.,  
Epes Davis,  
George W. Dyer,  
Edwin Ellis,  
John B. Fairbanks,  
Luther Fisk,  
Alpheus Fobes,  
Dexter Grose,  
Solomon E. Hallett,  
Beriah T. Hillman,  
Amos B. Holden,  
S. A. Jacobs,  
Edward Kendall,

Messrs. Wm. S. Knox,  
John B. Le Baron,  
Benj. F. Leighton,  
John D. Long,  
Samuel May,  
Clement Meserve,  
Joseph Mitchell, 2d,  
F. G. Morris,  
Geo. L. Newton,  
Daniel Noonan,  
Isaac N. Nutter,  
Charles S. Osgood,  
Chas. M. Peirce, Jr.,  
Chas. H. Pew, 2d,  
Stephen C. Phinney,  
Alanson B. Pomeroy,  
George W. Reed,  
John L. Robinson,  
Charles A. Rogers,  
Edward Sanderson,  
Isaiah A. Small,  
George D. Smalley,  
Edward F. Smith,  
Dan'l J. Sweeney,  
George H. Torrey,  
Enoch H. Towne,  
Byron Truell,  
Chas. R. Tucker, Jr.,  
Cranmore N. Wallace,  
Austin C. Wellington,  
Wilbur F. Whitney,  
Wm. Woods.

## NAYS.

Messrs. Ebenezer Adams,  
Samuel Allen,  
Andrew Athy,  
Michael Atkinson,

Messrs. Amasa W. Bailey,  
Wm. H. Bent,  
James Bergin,  
John H. Blake,

Messrs. Stephen F. Blaney,  
 Frederick L. Bosworth,  
 Osgood Bradley, Jr.,  
 Wm. E. Bright,  
 Isaac T. Burr,  
 James H. Carleton,  
 Michael Carney,  
 Charles R. Codman,  
 Patrick Collins,  
 Austin H. Connell,  
 Augustine P. Cook,  
 Lowell Coolidge,  
 A. M. Copeland,  
 J. W. Coveney,  
 John A. Cummings,  
 Ben. C. Currier,  
 Wm. D. Curtis,  
 Jacob W. Davis,  
 Lewis Day,  
 Henry Dennis, Jr.,  
 Neil Doherty,  
 James E. Estabrook,  
 Thomas F. Fitz Gerald,  
 Samuel Flower,  
 John D. Flynn,  
 William Frost,  
 Henry W. Fuller,  
 Albert W. Gaskill,  
 James W. Gaylord,  
 Emerson Geer,  
 Edward E. Gibbs,  
 Benjamin Gifford,  
 Levi L. Goodspeed,  
 Elbridge H. Goss,  
 Daniel G. Green,  
 Charles Hale,  
 George Hall,  
 David E. Harding,  
 William A. Haskell,  
 Nicholas Hatheway,  
 George Haven,  
 George Heywood,  
 James E. Hill,  
 Joseph W. Hill,  
 William A. Hodges,  
 Ed. Everett Holbrook,  
 Henry T. Holmes,  
 Salmon D. Hood,  
 Daniel P. Hopkinson,  
 M. M. Hovey,

Messrs. Francis M. Hughes,  
 Edward J. Johnson,  
 Thomas Johnson,  
 George W. Jones,  
 Isaac N. Keith,  
 Philo Keith,  
 Wm. Keith,  
 Moses Kimball,  
 Wm. S. King,  
 Geo. P. Kingsley,  
 Joel Knapp,  
 Daniel W. Lawrence,  
 Daniel J. Lewis,  
 James L. Locke,  
 James T. Mahony,  
 John B. Martin,  
 William Martin,  
 Edward S. May,  
 James A. McDonald,  
 John J. McNutt,  
 Wm. B. Merrill,  
 Southard H. Miller,  
 Henry S. Miner,  
 Frederick P. Moseley,  
 W. Stanley Newhall,  
 Edward W. Noble,  
 Reuben Noble,  
 Harrison D. Packard,  
 William E. Perkins,  
 Willard P. Phillips,  
 James Pierce,  
 Thomas F. Plunkett,  
 Richard Pope,  
 Isaac Pratt, Jr.,  
 Wm. W. Rice,  
 J. C. Richmond,  
 Joshua C. Robinson,  
 Wallace F. Robinson,  
 Joseph S. Ropes,  
 Cyrus K. Russell,  
 Nath'l J. Rust,  
 John S. Ryder,  
 John Sanborn,  
 Charles B. Sanford,  
 Cyrus Savage,  
 Ebenezer Sawyer,  
 Nathaniel Seaver,  
 John M. Seeley,  
 Charles L. Shaw,  
 Frederic P. Shaw,

Messrs. Abraham H. Smith,  
 Albert Smith,  
 John L. Smith,  
 E. A. Spaulding,  
 Richard H. Stearns,  
 Isaac Stebbins,  
 John C. Stimpson,  
 Isaac Stone,  
 Chas. A. F. Swan,  
 Samuel Talbot, Jr.,  
 Leonard A. Thayer,

Messrs. Wm. A. Thompson,  
 Daniel H. Thurston,  
 Dexter A. Tompkins,  
 Felix G. Whitney,  
 E. Crosby Willard,  
 Moses Williams, Jr.,  
 Nathan M. Wood,  
 John H. Woodbury,  
 Walter Wyman. <sup>Boston,</sup>

Yeas, 65 ; nays, 128.

Amendments moved by Messrs. Bowker of Boston, Copeland of Springfield, Nutter of East Bridgewater, Rust of Boston, and Holden of Westminster, were severally rejected.

The previous question was ordered, on motion of Mr. Perkins of Boston.

On motion of Mr. Stone of Northampton, the yeas and nays were ordered, and the roll being called, the bill was refused a third reading, by a vote of 68 yeas to 109 nays, as follows :—

#### YEAS.

Messrs. Ebenezer Adams,  
 Stephen M. Allen,  
 Michael Atkinson,  
 Amasa W. Bailey,  
 Horace L. Bowker,  
 Wm. E. Bright,  
 Samuel R. Brintnall,  
 Isaac T. Burr,  
 James H. Carleton,  
 Charles R. Codman,  
 Ben. C. Currier,  
 William D. Curtis,  
 Jacob W. Davis,  
 James W. Dwyer,  
 Samuel Flower,  
 William Frost,  
 Henry W. Fuller,  
 William M. Gaylord,  
 Edward E. Gibbs,  
 Charles Hale,  
 George Hall,  
 Nathan M. Hawkes,  
 George Heywood,  
 Joseph W. Hill,

Messrs. Henry T. Holmes,  
 Salmon D. Hood,  
 William Keith,  
 Moses Kimball,  
 Wm. S. King,  
 Joel Knapp,  
 Wm. S. Knox,  
 Daniel W. Lawrence,  
 John J. McNutt,  
 Wm. B. Merrill,  
 Henry S. Miner,  
 Frederick P. Moseley,  
 W. Stanley Newhall,  
 Reuben Noble,  
 Charles S. Osgood,  
 Joseph F. Paul,  
 Wm. E. Perkins,  
 Willard P. Phillips,  
 James Pierce,  
 Thomas F. Plunkett,  
 Richard Pope,  
 Isaac Pratt, Jr.,  
 William W. Rice,  
 Wallace F. Robinson,

Messrs. Joseph S. Ropes,  
Nath'l J. Rust,  
John Sanborn,  
Ebenezer Sawyer,  
Nathaniel Seaver,  
Charles L. Shaw,  
John L. Smith,  
Richard H. Stearns,  
John C. Stimpson,  
Isaac Stone,

Messrs. Chas. A. F. Swan,  
Samuel Talbot, Jr.,  
Wm. A. Thompson,  
Daniel H. Thurston,  
Dexter A. Tompkins,  
Byron Truell,  
Cranmore N. Wallace,  
Moses Williams, Jr.,  
John H. Woodbury,  
William Woods.  
Boston,

NAYS.

Messrs. Samuel Allen,  
Andrew Athy,  
John J. Babson,  
Cyrus F. Baker,  
John I. Baker,  
Joseph H. Baker,  
George Beal,  
John H. Bell,  
William H. Bent,  
John Best,  
John C. Bickford,  
John H. Blake,  
Stephen F. Blaney,  
Wm. E. Blunt,  
Selwyn Z. Bowman,  
Reuben Boynton,  
Osgood Bradley, Jr.,  
Wilbur F. Brigham,  
Michael Carney,  
William Chase,  
Gardner A. Churchill,  
Isaiah Churchill,  
Patrick Collins,  
Austin H. Connell,  
Augustine P. Cook,  
Frederick S. Coolidge,  
Lowell Coolidge,  
J. W. Coveney,  
John A. Cummings,  
Francis C. Curtis,  
Levi L. Cushing, Jr.,  
Epes Davis,  
Lewis Day,  
Henry Dennis, Jr.,  
Neil Doherty,  
C. W. Duggan,  
George W. Dyer,  
Edwin Ellis,

Messrs. James E. Estabrook,  
Luther Fisk,  
Thomas F. Fitz Gerald,  
John D. Flynn,  
James W. Gaylord,  
Emerson Geer,  
Levi L. Goodspeed,  
Elbridge H. Goss,  
Dexter Grose,  
Solomon E. Hallett,  
David E. Harding,  
William A. Haskell,  
Nicholas Hatheway,  
George Haven,  
James E. Hill,  
Beriah T. Hillman,  
William A. Hodges,  
E. Everett Holbrook,  
Amos B. Holden,  
Wm. B. Howard,  
Fred'k G. Howes,  
Francis M. Hughes,  
S. A. Jacobs,  
Thomas Johnson,  
George W. Jones,  
Isaac N. Keith,  
Philo Keith,  
Edward Kendall,  
George P. Kingsley,  
Benj. F. Leighton,  
Daniel J. Lewis,  
James L. Locke,  
John D. Long,  
James T. Mahony,  
John B. Martin,  
Edward S. May,  
Samuel May,  
Clement Meserve,



Messrs. Joseph Mitchell, 2d,  
 Franklin G. Morris,  
 John T. Morse,  
 George L. Newton,  
 Edward W. Noble,  
 Daniel Noonan,  
 Isaac N. Nutter,  
 Harrison D. Packard,  
 Stephen C. Phinney,  
 Alanson B. Pomeroy,  
 George W. Reed,  
 Albert E. Rice,  
 J. C. Richmond,  
 John L. Robinson,  
 Charles A. Rogers,  
 John S. Ryder,  
 Edward Sanderson,

Messrs. Chas. B. Sanford,  
 Cyrus Savage,  
 Isaiah A. Small,  
 George D. Smalley,  
 Albert Smith,  
 Edward F. Smith,  
 Daniel J. Sweeney,  
 Leonard A. Thayer,  
 Enoch H. Towne,  
 George M. Warren,  
 Austin C. Wellington,  
 Felix G. Whitney,  
 Wilbur F. Whitney,  
 Nathan M. Wood,  
 John H. Woodbury,  
 Beverly,  
 Walter Wyman.

Yeas, 68 ; nays, 109.

On motion of Mr. Perkins of Boston, the orders of the day were laid on the table, and the same gentleman moved a reconsideration of the vote whereby the House refused to order to a third reading the Bill to regulate the sale of intoxicating liquors.

The motion was placed first in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

At 4.55, the House  
 Adjourned.

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WEDNESDAY, March 3, 1875.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer was offered by the Chaplain.

*Laid on the Table.*

Commissioners  
 on Taxation.

The report of the Commissioners on Taxation and Exemption therefrom (appointed under a resolve of the last Legislature), and a petition of the Richmond Iron Works and others, with reference to the taxation of mines, with a statement of William Bacon, Esq., relating thereto, accompanying the report, were received from the commissioners, and, on motion of Mr. Kimball of Boston, laid on the table.

*Papers from the Senate.*

The petition of the selectmen of Quincy, in aid of the petition of Josiah Quincy, for an Act of incorporation as the Wollaston Dock and Wharf Company, was referred in concurrence to the committee on Mercantile Affairs. Wollaston Dock and Wharf Co.

A Resolve providing for the preparation of a new catalogue of the state library, passed to be engrossed by the Senate, was read and referred, in course, to the committee on Finance. State library catalogue.

*Committee Appointed.*

The Speaker announced the following as members, on the part of the House, of the joint special committee on the report of the committee on the use of the Commonwealth Flats as Terminal Grounds for Railroads: Messrs. Phillips of Salem, Stearns of Boston, Haven of Framingham, Miller of Fall River, and James of Williamsburg. Mr. Phillips of Salem having been excused at his own request, Mr. Osgood of Salem was appointed in his place. South Boston Flats.

Sent up to be joined.

*Reports of Committees.*

By Mr. Cushing of Cambridge, from the committee on Finance, inexpedient to legislate on an order relative to furnishing selectmen of towns and aldermen of cities with the "Blue Book." Read and accepted under a suspension of the rule. "Blue Book."

By Mr. Churchill of Plympton, from the same committee, asking to be discharged from the further consideration of the Resolve to authorize the publication of a list of Massachusetts officers and sailors who served in the navy in the late civil war, and that the same be referred to the joint committee on Printing. Read, accepted under a suspension of the rule, and the resolve sent up for concurrence in the reference. Navy record.

By Mr. Green of Monson, from the committee on the Pay-Roll, on the order to make up the mileage of members, a supplementary schedule and order providing for the mileage of members declared elected since the original schedule was made up. The report was accepted and the order adopted. Supplementary mileage.

By Mr. Lewis of Fairhaven, from the committee on Claims, on petition of Peter Powers for state aid, a Resolve in favor of Peter Powers. Read and referred, in course, to the committee on Finance. Peter Powers.

Lehigh and  
Eastern R. R.  
Co.

By Mr. Phillips of Salem, from the committee on Railroads, asking to be discharged from the further consideration of the petition of the Lehigh and Eastern Railroad Company of Pennsylvania for state aid, and that the same be referred to the committee on Finance. Read, accepted under a suspension of the rule, and sent up for concurrence in so much as discharges the committee.

A. O. H.—  
Charlestown.

By Mr. Hawkes of Lynn, from the committee on Mercantile Affairs, leave to withdraw on petition of Lawrence Burns and others, for incorporation as the Ancient Order of Hibernians of Charlestown. Read, accepted under a suspension of the rule, and sent up for concurrence.

J. Haft.

By Mr. Fiske of Dennis, from the committee on Claims, leave to withdraw on petition of John Haft for state aid.

Ten-hour law.

By Mr. Truell of Lawrence, from the committee on the Labor Question, leave to withdraw on petition of Ellen G. Richmond and sundry other petitions for and remonstrances against the repeal or modification of the ten-hour law.

Severally read and placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

Board of Health.

By Mr. Cushing of Cambridge, from the committee on Finance, on an order, a Resolve authorizing the State Board of Health to expend its unexpended balances of annual appropriations for books and maps, relative to sanitary matters. Read and ordered to a second reading.

Taunton Lunatic  
Hospital.

By Mr. Churchill of Plympton, from the same committee, that the Resolve in favor of the State Lunatic Hospital at Taunton ought to pass, with an amendment, inserting after the word "apparatus" the words "and ventilation."

Greenfield.

By Mr. Blaney of Peabody, from the same committee, that the Resolve in favor of the town of Greenfield ought to pass, with an amendment, striking out the words "the same to be taken from the unexpended balance of appropriations for rent of armories."

Severally placed in the orders of the day for a second reading to-morrow, with the reports of the committees.

J. H. Lamson.

By Mr. Cushing of Cambridge, from the same committee, that the Resolve in favor of John H. Lamson ought to pass.

John McGrath.

By the same gentleman, from the same committee, that the Senate Resolve in favor of John McGrath ought to pass.

By Mr. Kimball of Boston, from the same committee, Mileage.  
that the Senate Bill concerning the mileage of the Lieutenant-Governor, members of the Council and General Court ought to pass.

Severally placed in the orders of the day for a second reading to-morrow.

By Mr. Stearns of Boston, from the same committee, W. S. Frost.  
that the Resolve in favor of William S. Frost ought not to pass. Placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow, the question being on its rejection.

By Mr. Codman of Boston, from the committee on the Steam-mills.  
Judiciary, on an order, a Bill for the protection of the machinery and mill-gear of steam-mills.

By Mr. Rust of Boston, from the committee on Mer- Collateral Loan  
cantile Affairs, on an order, a Bill relating to the Collat- Co.  
eral Loan Company.

By Mr. King of Boston, from the committee on Mili- Seventeenth of  
tary Affairs, on petition of Bunker Hill Monument Asso- June.  
ciation, taken from files of last year, a Resolve declaring the 17th of June a legal holiday.

Severally read and ordered to a second reading.

### *Orders of the Day.*

The report of the committee on Claims, leave to with- Orders of the  
draw on the petition of Joseph M. White for state aid, day.  
was accepted and sent up for concurrence.

The report of the committee on Mercantile Affairs, leave to withdraw on the petition of Jonathan Luther and others, for an amendment to the peddlers' license law, was accepted in concurrence.

The Resolve in favor of Daniel McAllister, Jr., was rejected, in accordance with the recommendation of the committee on Finance.

The Bill concerning the Eastern Railroad Company was rejected, as recommended by the committee on Railroads.

The Bill to change the name of the Second Parish in Sherborn was read and ordered to a third reading.

The Bill in addition to an Act for supplying the town of Pittsfield with pure water was read and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

The Bill to change the name of the Second Methodist Episcopal Church of North Bridgewater was read, passed to be engrossed, and sent up for concurrence.

Mr. Rice of Barre called for the special assignment, being the election of two directors, on the part of the State, of the Boston and Albany Railroad Corporation.

*Joint Convention.*

State Directors  
B. & A. R. R.

The Senate came in, and the two branches being in convention, Messrs. Palmer and Lovering of the Senate, and Messrs. Savage of Taunton, Curtis of Marlborough, Towne of Worcester, Gaylord of South Hadley, and Curtis of Lenox, of the House, were appointed a committee to receive, assort and count the votes for two state directors, and the votes having been collected, assorted and counted, it appeared that John Cummings of Woburn was elected.

And the convention proceeded to a second ballot, and the votes having been collected, assorted and counted, it appeared that there was no choice. Thereupon, another ballot was had, and the votes having been collected, assorted and counted, it appeared that Hon. Francis B. Hayes of Boston was elected.

The two branches then separated.

The motion of Mr. Perkins of Boston to reconsider the vote whereby the House refused to order to a third reading the Bill to regulate the sale of intoxicating liquors was considered and carried.

Pending the recurring question of ordering the bill to a third reading, it was, on motion of Mr. Perkins of Boston, recommitted to the committee on the Liquor Law.

At 4.55, the House  
Adjourned.

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THURSDAY, March 4, 1875.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer was offered by the Chaplain.

*Petitions Presented.*

Useful fishes.

By Mr. Hillman of Chilmark, petition of Joseph Nickerson and others of Chilmark, to amend chapter 360 of the Acts of 1870, concerning useful fishes. Referred, under the suspension of the 20th joint rule, to the committee on the Fisheries.

By Mr. Whitney of Ashburnham, remonstrance of E.

Murdock and 495 other legal voters of Winchendon; by New county. Mr. Miner of Phillipston, remonstrance of Henry S. Miner and others of Phillipston; by Mr. Ellis of Athol, remonstrance of L. Woodward and others of Hubbards-ton; and by Mr. Spaulding of Townsend, remonstrance of W. Fessenden and others, all against the proposed division of Worcester County.

Severally referred to the committee on the Division of Worcester County.

Severally sent up for concurrence.

*Introduced on Leave.*

By Mr. Williams of Brookline, a Bill to promote and facilitate a resumption of specie payments. Specie pay-ments. Read and referred to joint special committee to be appointed, to consist of five on the part of the House, with such as the Senate may join.

Sent up for concurrence.

*Bill Enacted.*

An engrossed bill:

Bill enacted.

To amend chapter 76 of the Acts of the year 1869, relating to fishing in the Connecticut River;

(Which originated in the House;)

Was passed to be enacted, signed, and sent to the Senate.

*Order.*

On motion of Mr. Curtis of Lenox,—

*Ordered,* That the committee on Water Supply and Drainage consider the expediency of legislation to encourage the introduction of pure water into towns and vil-lages in the Commonwealth. Town water supply.

Sent up for concurrence.

*Papers from the Senate.*

The report of the committee of Conference on the mat-ter of disagreement between the two branches, relating to the petition of Edward Crane and associates, to be incor-porated under the name of the Atlantic and Ontario Rail-way Trust Company, and petitions in aid of the same, recommending that the same be referred to a joint special committee, accepted by the Senate, was read and placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow. E. Crane et als.

## Bills.

## Bills :

To amend an Act to incorporate the Franklin Savings Bank of Boston ;

In addition to an Act to incorporate the Trustees of the Baptist Ministerial Church Fund in Randolph ;

To change the name of the Appleton Street Congregational Society of Lowell ;

To amend an Act to dissolve the Maple Street Congregational Society in Danvers ;

(Severally passed to be engrossed by the Senate ;)

Were read and ordered to a second reading.

*Reports of Committees.*

## Corporation returns.

By Mr. James of Williamsburg, from the committee on Manufactures, that no legislation is necessary on the annual returns of corporations required by chapter 224 of the Acts of 1870. Accepted under suspension of the rule, and sent up for concurrence.

## Mashpee.

By Mr. Hillman of Chilmark, from the committee on the Fisheries, on the petition of Silas P. Pells and others, a Bill for the preservation of the eel fishery in the town of Mashpee.

## Chicopee Falls Savings Bank.

By Mr. Burr of Newton, from the committee on Banks and Banking, on petition of J. W. Osgood and others of Chicopee Falls, a Bill to incorporate the Chicopee Falls Savings Bank.

Severally read and ordered to a second reading.

*Orders of the Day.*

## Orders of the day.

## Reports :

Of the committee on Claims, leave to withdraw on the petition of Joshua Simpson for payment for services rendered the State ;

Of the same committee, leave to withdraw on the petition of John Haft for state aid ; and

Of the committee on the Labor Question, leave to withdraw on the petition of Ellen G. Richmond, and sundry other petitions for and remonstrances against the repeal or modification of the ten-hour law ;

Were severally accepted and sent up for concurrence.

The House Bill (on leave) in relation to the superior Court, was rejected, in accordance with the recommendation of the committee on the Judiciary.

**Bills :**

To amend the charter of the city of Lynn ;

(Amended on motion of Mr. Codman of Boston ;)

Concerning the clam fisheries in the town of Winthrop ;

(Amended on motion of Mr. Hillman of Chilmark ;)

Concerning the mileage of the Lieutenant-Governor, members of the Council, and General Court ; and

To punish malicious injury to steam-mills ; also

**Resolves :**

In favor of the State Lunatic Hospital at Taunton ; and

In favor of the town of Greenfield ;

(Severally amended, in accordance with the recommendations of the committee on Finance ;)

In favor of John H. Lamson ; and

In favor of John McGrath ;

Were severally read and ordered to a third reading.

A Bill to change the name of the Second Parish in Sherborn, was read, passed to be engrossed, and sent up for concurrence.

The Bill in relation to the Boston, Hoosac Tunnel and Western Railroad Company, was further considered.

Mr. Bowker of Boston moved to amend by substituting a "Bill to incorporate the Hoosac Tunnel Railway Company," but the amendment was rejected.

An amendment moved by Mr. Coffin of Winchester was adopted.

Mr. Bowman of Somerville moved to amend by substituting a "Bill to provide for the management of the Hoosac Tunnel and the Troy and Greenfield Railroad, and for other purposes" ; and

Pending the question of its adoption, the further consideration of the bill was postponed until to-morrow. The proposed substitute was ordered to be printed.

The Resolve providing for an amendment of the Constitution to secure the elective franchise and the right to hold office to women, was further considered, and rejected.

At 5.30, the House  
Adjourned.



FRIDAY, March 5, 1875.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer was offered by the Chaplain.

*Petitions Presented.*

**Prohibitory law.** By Mr. Harding of Mansfield, remonstrances of Bernard Paine and other legal voters of the town of Foxborough; and of Ellen F. Comey and other ladies of the same town, against any change in the prohibitory liquor law.

Severally referred to the committee on the Liquor Law.  
Sent up for concurrence.

**Berkshire District Court.** By Mr. Osgood of Salem, petition of D. B. Fenn and others, in aid of the petition of H. J. Dunham and others, for a district court between the Central and Southern Berkshire Districts. Referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

*Bills Enacted.***Bills enacted.**

Engrossed bills :

To incorporate the Cheshire Water Company ;  
(Which originated in the Senate ;) and

To amend section 27 of chapter 162 of the General Statutes, to provide for the seizure and destruction of forged or counterfeit notes or bonds of any State or corporation ;

To repeal section 60 of chapter 415 of the Acts of the year 1869, concerning the precedence and continuance of liquor cases ;

(Which severally originated in the House ;)

Were severally passed to be enacted, signed, and sent to the Senate.

Engrossed resolves :

In relation to the extermination of contagious cattle diseases ; and

In aid of discharged female prisoners ;

(Which severally originated in the House ;)

Were severally passed, signed, and sent to the Senate.

*Introduced on Leave.***So. Abington.**

By Mr. Reed of Abington, a Resolve to furnish certain documents, and standard weights and measures to the

town of South Abington. Read and referred to the committee on Finance.

By Mr. Heywood of Concord, a Bill to amend section 27 of chapter 162 of the General Statutes, to provide for the seizure and destruction of forged or counterfeit notes or bonds of any State or corporation. Forged notes or bonds.

On motion of the same gentleman, the rules were suspended, the bill took its several readings, was reported correctly drawn by the committee on Bills in Third Reading, was passed to be engrossed, and sent up for concurrence.

### *Reports of Committees.*

By Mr. Johnson of Nahant, from the committee on the Fisheries, leave to withdraw on the petition of Ira Felch and others, for the repeal of laws restricting the right to fish in the great ponds and rivers of the State. Read, accepted under suspension of the rule, and sent up for concurrence. Great pond fisheries.

By Mr. Noonan of Boston, from the committee on Printing, on an order relative to printing a verbatim report of the testimony taken before the committee on Railroads in relation to the management of the Boston and Albany Railroad, that such report is unnecessary, and recommending that the committee on Railroads be authorized to have prepared and printed a condensed report of the testimony, and a full report of the arguments of Messrs. Lincoln and Moseley, for the use of the Legislature. Read, and accepted under suspension of the rule. B. & A. R. R. hearing.

By Mr. Cummings of Somerville, from the committee on Claims, leave to withdraw on petition of Thomas McQuillan for state aid. T. McQuillan.

By Mr. Lewis of Fairhaven, from the same committee, leave to withdraw on petition of Thomas Flynn for state aid. Thos. Flynn.

Severally read and placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

By Mr. Perkins of Boston, from the committee on Harbors, on petition of John W. Mayhew and others of Chilmark, a Resolve in relation to Menemsha Creek and Pond in the towns of Chilmark and Gay Head. Read, and ordered to a second reading. Menemsha Creek.

The Speaker announced the following gentlemen as members on the part of the House of the joint special Specie payments.

committee on the Bill, introduced on leave by Mr. Williams of Brookline, in regard to the resumption of specie payments: Messrs. Williams of Brookline, Kimball of Boston, Carleton of Haverhill, Ropes of Boston, and Greene of Northfield.

Sent up to be joined.

*Papers from the Senate.*

Bills.

Bills:

To change the name of The Society of Boston and Vicinity for the aid of German Immigrants; and

In relation to reporting questions of law in cases heard by the supreme judicial court and the superior court, without a jury;

Severally passed to be engrossed by the Senate, were severally read and referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

Bills:

To authorize the town of Acton to raise money for a celebration to commemorate the events of the nineteenth day of April, 1775; and

To amend section 49, chapter 372 of the Acts of 1874, relative to the issuing of bonds by railroad corporations;

Severally passed to be engrossed by the Senate, were severally read and ordered to a second reading.

Public parks.

The petition of Skillings, Whitney Brothers and others in aid of the petition of Dr. Calvin Ellis and others for the right to take land for public parks, and for the improvement of drainage, was referred in concurrence to the committee on Water Supply and Drainage.

State Directors  
B. & A. R. R.

*Ordered*, In concurrence, that the Clerk of the Senate give notice to Messrs. John Cummings and Francis B. Hayes that they have been duly elected directors, on the part of the Commonwealth, of the Boston and Albany Railroad Corporation for the term of two years. Also, that he notify the clerk of said corporation of the election of the above-named gentlemen.

*Orders of the Day.*

Orders of the  
day.

Bills:

To amend an Act to incorporate the Franklin Savings Bank of Boston;

In addition to an Act to incorporate the trustees of the Baptist Ministerial Church Fund in Randolph;

To amend an Act to dissolve the Maple Street Congregational Society in Danvers ;

To change the name of the Appleton Street Congregational Society of Lowell ;

For the preservation of the eel fishery in the town of Mashpee ;

To incorporate the Chicopee Falls Savings Bank ; and  
Concerning vagrants,

(Amended on motion of Mr. Churchill of Boston ;)

Were severally read and ordered to a third reading.

A Bill concerning the clam fisheries in the town of Winthrop ; and

Resolves :

In favor of the State Lunatic Hospital at Taunton ;

In favor of the town of Greenfield ; and

In favor of John H. Lamson ;

Were severally read, passed to be engrossed, and sent up for concurrence.

A Bill concerning the mileage of the Lieutenant-Governor, members of the Council and General Court ; and

A Resolve in favor of John McGrath ;

Were severally read, and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

The Bill in relation to the Boston, Hoosac Tunnel and Western Railroad Company was further considered.

The substitute bill moved as an amendment by Mr. Bowman of Somerville was amended, on motion of Messrs. Osgood of Salem and Kimball of Boston, and, as amended, was substituted for the above-named bill by a vote of 102 to 48, its title being, a " Bill to provide for the management of the Hoosac Tunnel and the Troy and Greenfield Railroad, and for other purposes."

Under rule 60, the bill, as amended, was placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow, pending the question of engrossment.

The Bill to repeal section 57, chapter 58 of the General Statutes, concerning the location of risks to be taken by mutual fire insurance companies, was read, and amended on motion of Mr. Pope of Boston, by substituting therefor a Bill to define the location of risks to be taken by mutual fire insurance companies, and, as amended, was ordered to a third reading.

At 5.40, the House

Adjourned.

SATURDAY, March 6, 1875.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer was offered by the Chaplain.

*Petition Presented.*

Lynn, etc., District Court.

By Mr. Hood of Topsfield, petition of Harmon Hall and others, in aid of the petition for a district court for Lynn, Swampscott, Nahant, Marblehead, Saugus and Lynnfield.

Referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

Resolutions of Legislature.

A message was received from His Excellency the Governor, transmitting joint resolutions of the legislatures of the States of Georgia, Missouri, Pennsylvania, Ohio, Delaware and West Virginia.

The message was read, and, on motion of Mr. Codman of Boston, was laid on the table, with the resolutions, and ordered printed.

*Bills Enacted.*

Bills enacted.

Engrossed bills :

In addition to an Act to incorporate the Mill Owners' Mutual Fire Insurance Company of Boston ;

(Which originated in the House ;) and

To change the name of the Appleton Street Congregational Society of Lowell ;

(Which originated in the Senate ;)

Were severally passed to be enacted, signed, and sent to the Senate.

Resolve passed.

An engrossed Resolve in favor of the Massachusetts Charitable Eye and Ear Infirmary ;

(Which originated in the House ;)

Was passed, signed, and sent to the Senate.

*Papers from the Senate.*

Papers were referred in concurrence as follows :—

Inspection of cattle and provisions.

Petition of J. S. Potter and others, for the passage of a law authorizing the inspection of cattle, and for the better inspection of provisions ; and

Mesne process.

Bill to amend section 10, chapter 124 of the General Statutes, relating to the arrest of persons on mesne process.

Severally to the committee on Mercantile Affairs, the bill being read.

The petition of Joseph Nickerson and others of Chilmark, to amend chapter 360 of the Acts of 1870, came down with the endorsement that the Senate non-concurred in the suspension of the 20th joint rule. J. Nickerson.

*Ordered*, In concurrence, that the committee on Claims be authorized to employ clerical assistance. Committee on Claims.

A Bill to authorize the town of Woburn to raise money for a centennial celebration of the battle of Lexington, passed to be engrossed by the Senate, was read and ordered to a second reading. Woburn centennial.

### *Reports of Committees.*

By Mr. Fuller of Boston, from the committee on Liquor Law, that the Bill to regulate the sale of intoxicating liquor ought to pass in a new draft. License bill.

By Mr. Codman of Boston, from the committee on the Judiciary, on petition of Wm. S. Gardner and others, a Bill in addition to an Act to incorporate the trustees of the Scottish rite of Freemasonry. Freemasonry.

Severally read and ordered to a second reading.

### *Orders of the Day.*

The report of the committee on the Judiciary, inexpedient to legislate on an order of the House, to inquire into the expediency of amending section 13, chapter 283 of the Acts of the year 1865, relating to the Board of Appeal, was accepted, the House refusing to amend by substituting a bill as moved by Mr. Swan of Lowell. Orders of the day.

Reports of the committee on Claims, leave to withdraw on petitions of Thomas McQuillan, and of Thomas Flynn, for state aid, were severally accepted, and sent up for concurrence.

#### Bills :

To regulate the issuing of certain medicines by apothecaries and others (amended on motion of Messrs. Rust of Boston, Long of Hingham, and Brigham of Hudson) ;

To establish a legal and standard measure of a barrel of cranberries ;

Relating to the Collateral Loan Company ;

To authorize the town of Acton to raise money for a celebration to commemorate the events of the nineteenth day of April, 1775 ; and a

Resolve in relation to Menemsha Creek and Pond, in the towns of Chilmark and Gay Head ;

Were severally read and ordered to a third reading.

Bills :

To incorporate the Chicopee Falls Savings Bank ;

To define the location of risks to be taken by mutual fire insurance companies ; and

To punish malicious injury to steam-mills ;

Were severally read, passed to be engrossed and sent up for concurrence.

Bills :

To amend an Act to incorporate the Franklin Savings Bank of Boston ;

In addition to an Act to incorporate the trustees of the Baptist Ministerial Church Fund in Randolph ;

To amend an Act to dissolve the Maple Street Congregational Society in Danvers ; and

To change the name of the Appleton Street Congregational Society of Lowell ;

Were severally read and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

The Bill to provide for the management of the Hoosac Tunnel and the Troy and Greenfield Railroad, and for other purposes, was, on motion of Mr. Osgood of Salem, postponed for further consideration until Tuesday next.

The Bill to authorize the town of Brookline to issue bonds for the purpose of funding its debts, was read a third time. Amendments moved by Messrs. Hale and Kimball of Boston were adopted.

Pending the consideration of a further amendment moved by the last-named gentleman, the House at 1.30

Adjourned.

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MONDAY, March 8, 1875.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer was offered by the Chaplain.

*Petitions Presented.*

I. Campbell.  
A. J. De Ribas.  
Mary Lamb.

By Mr. Seaver of Boston, petitions of Isabell Campbell, Annie J. De Ribas and Mary Lamb, severally for state aid.

By Mr. Gardner of Palmer, petition of Edward Archibald and another, for the payment to them, as heirs-at-law of Thomas Archibald, of certain money now in the state treasury. E. Archibald.

By Mr. Willard of Ayer, petition of the Forge Village Horse-Nail Company, for remission of certain taxes. Forge Village Horse-Nail Co.

By Mr. Pierce of Malden, petition of George H. McAlister (guardian), in favor of C. W. Stevenson, for state aid. C. W. Stevenson.

Severally referred to the committee on Claims.

By Mr. Kendall of Cambridge, the petition of citizens of Cambridge and Somerville, relative to extension of a certain sewer. Referred, under suspension of the 20th joint rule, to the committee on Water Supply and Drainage. Cambridge and Somerville.

By Mr. Sanderson of Templeton, remonstrance of M. A. Wilson and 321 others, legal voters of the town of Templeton, against the division of Worcester County. Referred to the committee on that subject. New county.

These papers were severally sent up for concurrence.

By Mr. Osgood of Salem, the petition of H. F. Clark and others, for a district court between the Central and Southern Berkshire districts. Referred to the committee on the Judiciary. Berkshire District Court.

### *Orders.*

On motion of Mr. Hill of Boston,—

*Ordered*, That the committee on Prisons be authorized to send for persons and papers in the investigation of affairs at East Cambridge house of correction, on the petition of J. L. Roberts and others. East Cambridge House of Correction.

Sent up for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. Truell of Lawrence,—

*Ordered*, That the committee on the Fisheries consider the expediency of improving the fishways in the Merrimac River at Lawrence and Lowell. Fishways.

Adopted, under suspension of the 20th joint rule, and sent up for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. Flower of Agawam,—

*Ordered*, That the committee on the Judiciary be instructed to inquire into the expediency of a general law authorizing the several cities and towns to fund their debts. Municipal debts.

### *Taken from the Table.*

On motion of Mr. Pierce of Milton, the report of the Commissioners on Taxation and Exemption therefrom, Taxation and exemption.



with accompanying papers, was taken from the table and referred to the committee on Finance.

Legislative resolutions.

'On motion of Mr. May of Leicester, the message of His Excellency the Governor, transmitting joint resolutions of the legislatures of the States of Georgia, Missouri, Pennsylvania, Ohio, Delaware and West Virginia, was taken from the table, referred to the committee on Federal Relations, and sent up for concurrence.

*Paper from the Senate.*

H. Hall.

The memorial of Harmon Hall of Saugus, for compensation for services as inspector of the state prison, was referred in concurrence to the committee on Claims.

*Bills Enacted.*

Bills enacted.

Engrossed bills :

To amend chapter 375 of the Acts of the year 1874, entitled "An Act concerning associations for religious, charitable, educational, and other purposes";

(Which originated in the House;) and

In addition to an Act for supplying the town of Pittsfield with pure water;

(Which originated in the Senate;)

Were severally passed to be enacted, signed, and sent to the Senate.

State Detective Force.

An estimate of sums necessary to defray the expenses of the Massachusetts State Detective Force for the year ending December 31, 1875, was received from the Chief Detective, and referred to the committee on Finance.

*Orders of the Day.*

Orders of the day.

The report of the committee of Conference, on the matter of disagreement between the two branches relating to the petition of Edward Crane and associates, and petitions in aid of the same, was accepted in concurrence.

The Speaker announced the following gentlemen as members on the part of the House, of the joint special committee raised by the acceptance of the report: Messrs. Rust of Boston, Keith of Sandwich, Cook of North Reading, Vincent of Heath, Haskell of Marblehead, Gaylord of South Hadley, Duggan of Millbury, and Pomeroy of Washington.

Sent up to be joined.

**Bills :**

Concerning manufacturing and other corporations (amended on motion of Mr. Hale of Boston) ;

In addition to an Act to incorporate the trustees of the Scottish rite of Freemasonry ; and

To authorize the town of Woburn to raise money for a centennial celebration of the battle of Lexington ; and

**Resolves :**

Authorizing the State Board of Health to expend its unexpended balances of annual appropriations for books and maps, relative to sanitary matters (amended on motion of Mr. Hale of Boston) ; and

Declaring the 17th of June a legal holiday (amended on motion of Messrs. Burr of Newton and Heywood of Concord) ;

Were severally read and ordered to a third reading.

A Resolve in favor of William S. Frost was considered. The question on its rejection was negatived, and it was placed in the orders of the day for a second reading to-morrow.

**Bills :**

For the preservation of the eel fishery in the town of Mashpee ;

To amend the charter of the city of Lynn (amended on motion of Mr. Hawkes of Lynn) ; and

The Resolve in relation to Menemsha Creek and Pond, in the towns of Chilmark and Gay Head ;

Were severally read, passed to be engrossed and sent up for concurrence.

The Bill to authorize the town of Acton to raise money for a celebration to commemorate the events of the nineteenth day of April, 1775, was read and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

The Bill to authorize the town of Brookline to issue bonds for the purpose of funding its debts, was further considered. Amendments moved by Messrs. Kimball of Boston and Rice of Worcester, were adopted, and the bill, as amended, was passed to be engrossed, and sent up for concurrence.

The Bill to amend section 49 of chapter 372 of the Acts of 1874, relating to the issuing of bonds by railroad corporations, was read, and, pending its consideration,

The House, at 5.05 o'clock,  
Adjourned.

TUESDAY, March 9, 1875.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer was offered by the Chaplain.

*Petitions Presented.*

**W. A. Haskell.** By Mr. Howard of Marblehead, petition of William A. Haskell, a member of the House, for pay from the first of the session, and for expenses. Referred to the committee on Claims.

**New county.** By Mr. Ellis of Athol, remonstrance of A. G. Stratton and 715 others of Athol; by Mr. Bickford of Berlin, remonstrance of the selectmen and 633 others of Clinton; and by Mr. Heywood of Worcester, remonstrance of William D. Peck and 309 others of Sterling, severally against the proposed division of Worcester County. Severally referred to the committee on Division of Worcester County.

Severally sent up for concurrence.

*Reports of Committees.*

**Labor Bureau.** By Mr. Best of Stoneham, from the committee on the Labor Question, that it is inexpedient to legislate on the Order of the House to inquire into the expediency of abolishing the Bureau of Statistics of Labor.

**Lynn, etc., District Court.** By Mr. Codman of Boston, from the committee on the Judiciary, leave to withdraw on petition of S. Luscomb and others, and Harmon Hall and others, for the establishment of a district court, to comprise the city of Lynn and the towns of Swampscott, Nahant, Saugus and Marblehead.

Severally read and placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

**Physicians and surgeons.** By Mr. Codman of Boston, from the committee on the Judiciary, that the Bill to regulate the qualifications of practitioners in medicine and surgery ought not to pass. Placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow. Question on its rejection.

**Town bounties.** By Mr. Savage of Taunton, from the committee on Military Affairs, that the Bill to authorize the towns in the Commonwealth to pay bounties to soldiers ought to pass. Placed in the orders of the day for a second reading to-morrow.

A message was received from the Senate announcing the election of Hilton F. Hosmer as Clerk, *pro tem.*, of that branch. Clerk, *pro tem.*,  
Senate.

### *Bills Enacted.*

Engrossed bills :

Bills enacted.

Concerning the mileage of the Lieutenant-Governor, members of the Council and General Court ;

(Which originated in the Senate ;)

Making additional appropriations for certain expenses authorized in 1874 and previous years, and for other purposes ;

To amend chapter 375 of the Acts of the year 1874, entitled "An Act concerning associations for religious, charitable, educational and other purposes" ; and

Making appropriations for expenses of the State Almshouse, the State Primary School at Monson, the State Prison, the Reform School at Westborough, the Industrial School for Girls, the Bridgewater Workhouse, and for other purposes ;

(Which severally originated in the House ;)

Were severally passed to be enacted, signed, and sent to the Senate.

### *Orders of the Day.*

A Bill to amend section 49 of chapter 372 of the Acts of 1874, relating to the issuing of bonds by railroad corporations, was further considered, and ordered to a third reading. Orders of the  
day.

A Resolve in favor of William S. Frost (amended on motion of Mr. Cushing of Cambridge), was read and ordered to a third reading.

Bills :

To establish a legal and standard measure of a barrel of cranberries ;

Concerning manufacturing and other corporations ;

In addition to an Act to incorporate the trustees of the Scottish rite of Freemasonry ; and a

Resolve authorizing the State Board of Health to expend its unexpended balances of annual appropriations for books and maps, relative to sanitary matters (amended on motion of Mr. Hale of Boston) ;

Were severally read, passed to be engrossed, and sent up for concurrence.

The Bill to authorize the town of Woburn to raise money

for a centennial celebration of the battle of Lexington, was read and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

The Bill to provide for the management of the Hoosac Tunnel and the Troy and Greenfield Railroad, and for other purposes, was further considered.

Amendments were moved by Messrs. Osgood of Salem, Codman of Boston, Allen of Duxbury, Martin of Adams, and Phillips of Salem. Motions to lay on the table, to refer to the committee on the Hoosac Tunnel Line of Railroads, and for the previous question, were lost. Pending the amendments, on motion of Mr. Phillips of Salem, the orders of the day were laid on the table, and the amendments were ordered printed.

At 5.20, the House  
Adjourned.

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WEDNESDAY, March 10, 1875.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer was offered by the Chaplain.

*Petitions Presented.*

**Game laws.** By Mr. Seaver of Boston, remonstrance of Augustus Denton and others, against the change of the present game laws.

Referred to the committee on Agriculture.

**E. Crane et als.** By Mr. Carney of Boston, petition of J. A. and W. Bird and others, in aid of petition of Edward Crane and others, for the passage of an Act to incorporate the Boston and Chicago Railway Trust Company. Referred to the committee on Petition of Edward Crane and associates.

**Hayden Tobacco Works.** By Mr. James of Williamsburg, petition of the Hayden Tobacco Works, for refunding certain taxes.

**Anna Coleman.** By Mr. Morse of Boston, petition of Anna Coleman, for the refunding to her, of certain moneys from the state treasury.

Severally referred to the committee on Claims.

**New county.** By Mr. Heywood of Worcester, remonstrance of Samuel Randall and 208 others of Princeton; by Mr. Sanderson of Templeton, remonstrance of Levi Heywood and 531 others of Gardner; by Mr. Richmond of Harvard, resolu-

tions respectively of the towns of Harvard and Lancaster, severally against the proposed division of Worcester County. Referred to the committee on Division of Worcester County.

Severally sent up for concurrence.

By Mr. Pratt of Boston, petition of F. Lyman Winship, F. L. Winship. administrator, for the Commonwealth to join in conveying real estate. Referred to the committee on Probate and Chancery.

*Reports of Committees.*

By Mr. Miner of Phillipston, from the committee on W. E. Allen. State Salaries and Expenditures, leave to withdraw on petition of Willard E. Allen, clerk of the Municipal Court of East Boston, for an increase of salary.

By Mr. Miner of Phillipston, from the committee on Forest trees. Agriculture, inexpedient to legislate on an Order relative to the passage of a law for encouraging the growth and preservation of forests in Massachusetts.

By Mr. Gardner of Palmer, from the committee on the Liens. Judiciary, inexpedient to legislate on an Order relative to the expediency of amending chapter 150 of the General Statutes, relative to liens on buildings and land.

Severally read and placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

By Mr. Miner of Phillipston, from the committee on Legislative compensation. State Salaries and Expenditures, on an Order, a Bill fixing the compensation of members of the Legislature.

Read and referred in course to the committee on Finance.

*Order.*

On motion of Mr. Tyler of Lowell,—

*Ordered,* That the committee on Banks and Banking Deposits in savings banks. consider the expediency of amending chapter 393, Acts of 1874, relating to deposits in savings banks.

*Taken from the Table.*

The petition of Charles H. Leach and 70 others; and E. Crane et als. Of Artemas R. Holden and others, severally for the passage of an Act to incorporate the Boston and Chicago Railway Trust Company, were, on motion of Mr. Bowker of Boston, taken from the table and referred to the joint special committee on Petition of Edward Crane and associates.

Fifty-fourth  
regiment.

On motion of Mr. Kimball of Boston, a message was sent to the Senate asking the transmission to the House of the message from the Governor relative to the colors of the fifty-fourth regiment Massachusetts Volunteers.

Subsequently a message was received from the Senate transmitting the above-named paper.

*Bills Enacted.*

Bills enacted.

Engrossed bills :

To amend an Act to incorporate the Franklin Savings Bank of Boston ;

To authorize the town of Acton to raise money for a celebration to commemorate the events of the nineteenth day of April, 1775 ;

In addition to an Act to incorporate the Trustees of the North Baptist Ministerial Church Fund in Randolph ;

To amend an Act to dissolve the Maple Street Congregational Society in Danvers ;

(Which severally originated in the Senate ;) and

To change the name of the Second Methodist Episcopal Church of North Bridgewater ;

(Which originated in the House ;)

Were severally passed to be enacted, signed, and sent to the Senate.

A Resolve in favor of John McGrath ;

(Which originated in the House ;)

Was passed, signed, and sent to the Senate.

*Papers from the Senate.*

J. P. Folsom.

The petition of Joseph P. Folsom and 46 others, for an Act of incorporation as a mutual life insurance corporation, referred by the Senate to the committee on Insurance, was referred in non-concurrence to the next General Court under the 20th joint rule.

The following Order, adopted by the Senate, was, on motion of Mr. Kimball of Boston, laid on the table :—

Fifty-fourth  
regiment.

*Ordered,* That a joint special committee consisting of two on the part of the Senate, and such as the House may join, be appointed, to which shall be referred the message of His Excellency the Governor announcing the receipt of the colors of the fifty-fourth regiment of Massachusetts Volunteers, and to report such action thereon as it may deem expedient.

The following Order, adopted by the Senate, was referred to the next General Court, under the 20th joint rule:—

*Ordered*, That the committee on Railroads consider the expediency of exempting the Martha's Vineyard Railroad Company from the provisions of section 43 of chapter 63 of the General Statutes, relative to fencing. Martha's Vineyard R. R. Co.

The report of the commissioners on the State House was referred in concurrence to the joint committee on Expenditures. Commissioners on state house.

The report of the committee on Military Affairs, leave to withdraw on petition of Loring W. Muzzey and others, was read and placed in the orders of the day for tomorrow. L. W. Muzzey.

A Bill to authorize the county commissioners of the county of Bristol to borrow money for the improvement of county buildings in the northern district of said county, and for other purposes, passed to be engrossed by the Senate, was read and referred to the committee on Probate and Chancery. Bristol County.

### *Orders of the Day.*

The report of the committee on the Judiciary, leave to withdraw on the petition of S. Luscomb and others, for the establishment of a district court to comprise the city of Lynn and the towns of Swampscott, Nahant, Saugus and Marblehead, and petition in aid of the same, was accepted. Orders of the day.

#### Bills :

Concerning vagrants ; and

To amend section 49 of chapter 372 of the Acts of 1874, relating to the issuing of bonds by railroad corporations ;

Were severally read and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

#### Bills :

To regulate the issuing of certain medicines by apothecaries and others ;

Relating to the Collateral Loan Company ; and

A Resolve in favor of William S. Frost ;

Were severally read, passed to be engrossed, and sent up for concurrence.

The Bill to regulate the qualifications of practitioners in medicine and surgery, was rejected, in accordance with the recommendation of the committee on the Judiciary.

On motion of Mr. Brigham of Hudson, the further con-



sideration of the Bill to regulate the sale of intoxicating liquors was postponed until to-morrow.

The Resolve declaring the seventeenth day of June a legal holiday was rejected.

The Bill to provide for the management of the Hoosac Tunnel and the Troy and Greenfield Railroad, and for other purposes, was further considered. Amendments moved by Messrs. Osgood of Salem, Allen of Duxbury, Martin of Adams, and Phillips of Salem, were severally adopted.

An amendment moved by Mr. Codman of Boston, striking out of the fifth section the clause annulling the contract between the Commonwealth and certain railroad corporations therein named, was rejected. The yeas and nays being ordered, on motion of Mr. Stearns of Boston, the roll was called, and the vote was 60 yeas and 140 nays, as follows :—

## YEAS.

Messrs. Ebenezer Adams,	Messrs. Charles L. Gardner,
Samuel Allen,	Emerson Geer,
Stephen M. Allen,	Levi L. Goodspeed,
Andrew Athy,	Charles Hale,
John J. Babson,	Henry L. James,
Amasa W. Bailey,	Moses Kimball,
T. D. Beach,	Daniel W. Lawrence,
James Bergin,	Benj. F. Leighton,
Wm. E. Blunt,	James T. Mahony,
Frederick L. Bosworth,	John B. Martin,
Horace L. Bowker,	Clement Meserve,
Reuben Boynton,	Daniel Noonan,
Charles M. Brown,	Wm. E. Perkins,
Isaac T. Burr,	Willard P. Phillips,
James H. Carleton,	Edward L. Pierce,
William Chase,	Isaac Pratt, Jr.,
Charles R. Codman,	William W. Rice,
A. B. Coffin,	John L. Robinson,
Patrick Collins,	Joseph S. Ropes,
Owen Coogan,	Cyrus K. Russell,
Augustine P. Cook,	Cyrus Savage,
A. M. Copeland,	Charles L. Shaw,
Francis C. Curtis,	Frederick P. Shaw,
William D. Curtis,	Abraham H. Smith,
Epes Davis,	E. F. Smith,
James E. Estabrook,	John L. Smith,
Thos. F. Fitz Gerald,	Richard H. Stearns,
Samuel Flower,	Isaac Stebbins.
William Frost,	Enoch H. Towne,
Henry W. Fuller,	Joseph White.

NAYS.

Messrs. James Abbe,  
 Michael Atkinson,  
 Daniel D. Bailey,  
 Cyrus F. Baker,  
 John I. Baker,  
 Joseph H. Baker,  
 John H. Bell,  
 William H. Bent,  
 John Best,  
 John H. Blake,  
 Sylvester W. Bowen,  
 Selwyn Z. Bowman,  
 Osgood Bradley, Jr.,  
 Wm. E. Bridgman,  
 Wilbur F. Brigham,  
 Wm. E. Bright,  
 Samuel R. Brintnall,  
 Michael Carney,\*  
 Wm. Carroll,  
 Isaiah Churchill,  
 Austin H. Connell,  
 F. S. Coolidge,  
 Lowell Coolidge,  
 J. W. Coveney,  
 Levi L. Cushing, Jr.,  
 Benj. F. Davis,  
 Jacob W. Davis,  
 Lewis Day,  
 Henry Dennis, Jr.,  
 Neil Doherty,  
 C. W. Duggan,  
 James W. Dwyer,  
 George W. Dyer,  
 Edwin Ellis,  
 John B. Fairbanks,  
 Luther Fisk,  
 John D. Flynn,  
 Alpheus Fobes,  
 Joseph Fobes,  
 James W. Gaylord,  
 Edward E. Gibbs,  
 Benjamin Gifford,  
 Elbridge H. Goss,  
 Daniel G. Green,  
 Dexter Grose,  
 Gayton M. Hall,  
 George Hall,  
 Solomon E. Hallett,

Messrs. David E. Harding,  
 William A. Haskell,  
 Samuel R. Heywood,  
 James E. Hill,  
 Joseph W. Hill,  
 Beriah T. Hillman,  
 William A. Hodges,  
 E. Everett Holbrook,  
 Amos B. Holden,  
 Henry T. Holmes,  
 Salmon D. Hood,  
 Daniel P. Hopkinson,  
 Wm. B. Howard,  
 Fred'k G. Howes,  
 Francis M. Hughes,  
 S. A. Jacobs,  
 Thomas Johnson,  
 George W. Jones,  
 Isaac N. Keith,  
 Philo Keith,  
 William Keith,  
 Edward Kendall,  
 William S. King,  
 George P. Kingsley, .  
 Joel Knapp,  
 Daniel J. Lewis,  
 George T. Lincoln,  
 James L. Locke,  
 John D. Long,  
 William Martin,  
 Joseph T. Massey,  
 Samuel May,  
 James A. McDonald,  
 John J. McNutt,  
 Wm. B. Merrill,  
 Henry S. Miner,  
 F. G. Morris,  
 Frederick P. Moseley,  
 W. Stanley Newhall,  
 George L. Newton,  
 Edward W. Noble,  
 Charles S. Osgood,  
 Harrison D. Packard,  
 Joseph F. Paul,  
 Chas. M. Peirce, Jr.,  
 Chas. H. Pew, 2d,  
 Stephen C. Phinney,  
 James Pierce,

Messrs. A. B. Pomeroy,  
 Richard Pope,  
 Willard Putnam,  
 George W. Reed,  
 Albert E. Rice,  
 Thomas Rich,  
 J. C. Richmond,  
 Joshua C. Robinson,  
 Wallace F. Robinson,  
 Charles A. Rogers,  
 Nathaniel J. Rust,  
 John S. Ryder,  
 John Sanborn,  
 Edward Sanderson,  
 Charles B. Sanford,  
 John Savery,  
 Ebenezer Sawyer,  
 Nathaniel Seaver,  
 John M. Seeley,  
 Isaiah A. Small,  
 George D. Smalley,  
 Albert Smith,  
 Lafayette Stevens,

Messrs. John C. Stimpson,  
 Isaac Stone,  
 Dan'l J. Sweeney,  
 Samuel Talbot, Jr.,  
 Leonard A. Thayer,  
 Daniel H. Thurston,  
 Dexter A. Tompkins,  
 George H. Torrey,  
 Albert J. Trull,  
 Artemas S. Tyler,  
 Edmond M. Vincent,  
 George M. Warren,  
 Austin C. Wellington,  
 Wilbur F. Whitney,  
 Henry M. Wilcox,  
 E. Crosby Willard,  
 Nathan M. Wood,  
 John H. Woodbury,  
 John H. Woodbury,<sup>Boston,</sup>  
 William Woods,<sup>Beverly,</sup>  
 Walter Wyman.

Yeas, 60 ; nays, 140.

The bill, as amended, was then passed to be engrossed.  
 At 5.20, the House  
 Adjourned.

THURSDAY, March 11, 1875.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer was offered by the Chaplain.

*Petitions Presented.*

Turner's Falls  
 Bridge.

By Mr. Keith of Greenfield, remonstrances of the selectmen of the town of Erving, and of the selectmen of the town of Shelburne, severally against the building of another free bridge at Turner's Falls. Referred to the committee on Roads and Bridges.

Ellen Woods.

By Mr. Pope of Boston, petition of Ellen Woods for back state aid. Referred to committee on Claims.

E. Crane et als.

By Mr. Osgood of Salem, petition of Stephen B. Ives and 198 others of Salem, for the passage of an Act to

incorporate the Boston and Chicago Railway Trust Company. Referred to committee on petition of Edward Crane and associates.

By Mr. Hall of Leominster, remonstrance of J. C. New county. Allen and 760 others, voters of the town of Leominster, against the division of Worcester County. Referred to committee on Division of Worcester County.

Severally sent up for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. Seaver of Boston, the vote whereby Game laws. the remonstrance of Augustus Denton and others, against the change of the present game laws, was referred to the committee on Agriculture was reconsidered, and leave was granted him to withdraw the petition.

### *Order.*

The following order, offered by Mr. Connell of Boston, was referred to the committee on Printing:—

*Ordered*, That three thousand additional copies of the Commissioners' Report on Taxation and Exemption there- Taxation Commission Report. from be printed for the use of the members of the Legislature.

### *Introduced on Leave.*

By Mr. Coffin of Winchester, a Bill to authorize the Arlington. town of Arlington to raise money for a centennial celebration of the events of the nineteenth day of April, 1775. Read and referred, under suspension of the 20th joint rule, to the committee on Towns.

Sent up for concurrence.

### *Papers from the Senate.*

Petitions of Wright & Whitcomb and 54 others; of E. Crane et als. Coffin & Woodward and 57 others; of A. L. Taylor and 96 others; of B. R. Bryant and others; of Joseph W. Merriam and others; of Arvida M. Vance and others; of George D. Ricker and others; of Lowell B. Hiscock and others; of William R. Priest and others; of Chase Brothers and others; of Cushing & Baldwin and others; of E. A. Brooks and others, severally for the passage of an Act to incorporate the Boston and Chicago Railway Trust Company, in aid of the petition of Edward Crane and associates, were referred in concurrence to the joint special committee on that subject.

R. R. Com'rs  
B. & A. R. R.

A communication from the Railroad Commissioners relative to the transportation of grain over the Boston and Albany Railroad was referred, in concurrence, to the committee on Railroads.

School commit-  
tees.

A Bill to amend section 16 of chapter 38 of the General Statutes relative to the election of school committees in towns, passed to be engrossed by the Senate, was read and ordered to a second reading.

### *Reports of Committees.*

Distinguished  
guests—17th  
June.

By Mr. May of Leicester, from the committee on Federal Relations, on an Order relative to the reception of the President of the United States, the Vice-President and other distinguished guests on the 17th of June next, that the same ought to be adopted in the form submitted by them.

Taunton Great  
River.

By Mr. Johnson of Nahant, from the committee on Fisheries, leave to withdraw on petition of John A. Williams and others, that section 3 of chapter 401 of the Acts of 1855, in relation to the boundaries of fishing in Taunton Great River, may be amended.

Severally read and placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

Officers of sav-  
ings banks.

By Mr. Tyler of Lowell, from the committee on Banks and Banking, that the Bill (on leave) to prohibit officers of savings banks from acting as insurance agents, ought not to pass. Placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow. Question on its rejection.

Wareham Bank.

By Mr. Stebbins of Chelsea, from the committee on Banks and Banking, inexpedient to legislate on petition of H. P. Tobey and others, asking for the revival of an Act entitled "An Act to revive the Wareham Bank." Read, accepted under suspension of the rule, and sent up for concurrence.

Taunton Great  
River.

By Mr. Johnson of Nahant, from the committee on Fisheries, on petition of E. B. Towne and others, a Bill to amend an Act to regulate the fisheries in Taunton Great River and Nemasket River.

Pepperell.

By Mr. Codman of Boston, from the committee on the Judiciary, on the petition of the selectmen of Pepperell and others, a Bill to authorize the town of Pepperell to issue bonds for the purpose of funding its debts.

Severally read and ordered to a second reading.

*Orders of the Day.***Reports :**Orders of the  
day.

Of committee on State Salaries and Expenditures, leave to withdraw on petition of Willard E. Allen, clerk of the municipal court of East Boston, for an increase of salary ; and

Of the committee on the Judiciary, inexpedient to legislate on an Order to inquire into the expediency of amending chapter 150 of the General Statutes, relative to liens on buildings and land ;

Were severally accepted, and the first-named report was sent up for concurrence.

The report of the committee on Military Affairs, leave to withdraw on petition of Loring W. Muzzey and others of Lexington, for authority to organize a military company, to be called the Lexington minute-men, was accepted in concurrence.

The report of the committee on the Labor Question, inexpedient to legislate on an Order of the House to inquire into the expediency of abolishing the Bureau of Statistics of Labor, was considered.

On motion of Mr. Pierce of Milton, its further consideration was postponed until to-morrow.

The Bill to regulate the sale of intoxicating liquors was read and considered.

An amendment known as the "local option clause" was moved by Mr. Rogers of Chelsea, on which the yeas and nays were ordered, on motion of Mr. May of Leicester.

The roll being called, the amendment was rejected by a vote of 87 yeas to 112 nays, as follows :—

**YEAS.**

Messrs. Samuel Allen,  
Michael Atkinson,  
John J. Babson,  
Daniel D. Bailey,  
Cyrus F. Baker,  
John I. Baker,  
Joseph H. Baker,  
George Beal,  
John H. Bell,  
Wm. H. Bent,  
John Best,  
John C. Bickford,

Messrs. Wilbur F. Brigham,  
Charles M. Brown,  
Isaac T. Burr,  
William Chase,  
Isaiah Churchill,  
Abraham B. Coffin,  
Augustine P. Cook,  
Lowell Coolidge,  
John A. Cummings,  
Francis C. Curtis,  
Epes Davis,  
Lewis Day,

Messrs. Henry Dennis, Jr.,  
 James W. Dwyer,  
 George W. Dyer,  
 John B. Fairbanks,  
 Luther Fisk,  
 Alpheus Fobes,  
 Joseph Fobes,  
 Benjamin Gifford,  
 Levi L. Goodspeed,  
 Elbridge H. Goss,  
 Dexter Grose,  
 George Hall,  
 Solomon E. Hallett,  
 Samuel R. Heywood,  
 Beriah T. Hillman,  
 E. Everett Holbrook,  
 Amos B. Holden,  
 Wm. B. Howard,  
 Frederick G. Howes,  
 Isaac N. Keith,  
 Edward Kendall,  
 Moses Kimball,  
 William S. King,  
 Joel Knapp,  
 Benj. F. Leighton,  
 Daniel J. Lewis,  
 Pliny T. Litchfield,  
 John D. Long,  
 Joseph T. Massey,  
 Samuel May,  
 Henry S. Miner,  
 F. G. Morris,

Messrs. George L. Newton,  
 Edward W. Noble,  
 Harrison D. Packard,  
 Joseph F. Paul,  
 Chas. H. Pew, 2d,  
 Stephen C. Phinney,  
 Alanson B. Pomeroy,  
 Isaac Pratt, Jr.,  
 Willard Putnam,  
 Thomas Rich,  
 J. C. Richmond,  
 John L. Robinson,  
 Charles A. Rogers,  
 Cyrus K. Russell,  
 John S. Ryder,  
 Isaiah A. Small,  
 George D. Smalley,  
 Abraham H. Smith,  
 John L. Smith,  
 Richard H. Stearns,  
 Lafayette Stevens,  
 Enoch H. Towne,  
 Albert J. Trull,  
 Edmond M. Vincent,  
 George M. Warren,  
 Austin C. Wellington,  
 Joseph White,  
 Wilbur F. Whitney,  
 E. Crosby Willard,  
 Nathan M. Wood,  
 John H. Woodbury,  
 Beverly.

## NAYS.

Messrs. James Abbe,  
 Ebenezer Adams,  
 Andrew Athy,  
 Amasa W. Bailey,  
 Giles G. Barker,  
 T. D. Beach,  
 James Bergin,  
 John H. Blake,  
 Wm. E. Blunt,  
 Horace L. Bowker,  
 Osgood Bradley, Jr.,  
 Wm. E. Bridgman,  
 Samuel R. Brintnall,  
 James H. Carleton,  
 Michael Carney,  
 William Carroll,

Messrs. Charles R. Codman,  
 Patrick Collins,  
 Austin H. Connell,  
 Owen Coogan,  
 F. S. Coolidge,  
 A. M. Copeland,  
 J. W. Coveney,  
 Ben. C. Currier,  
 Levi L. Cushing, Jr.,  
 Benj. F. Davis,  
 Jacob W. Davis,  
 Neil Doherty,  
 C. W. Duggan,  
 James E. Estabrook,  
 Thomas F. Fitz Gerald,  
 Samuel Flower,

Messrs. John D. Flynn,  
 William Frost,  
 H. W. Fuller,  
 Charles L. Gardner,  
 Albert W. Gaskill,  
 James W. Gaylord,  
 Emerson Geer,  
 Edward E. Gibbs,  
 Charles H. Greene,  
 Daniel G. Green,  
 Charles Hale,  
 Gayton M. Hall,  
 William A. Haskell,  
 Nicholas Hatheway,  
 Nathan M. Hawkes,  
 Moses B. Heywood,  
 James E. Hill,  
 Joseph W. Hill,  
 Wm. A. Hodges,  
 Henry T. Holmes,  
 Salmon D. Hood,  
 Francis M. Hughes,  
 S. A. Jacobs,  
 Henry L. James,  
 Thomas Johnson,  
 George W. Jones,  
 Philo Keith,  
 William Keith,  
 George P. Kingsley,  
 Daniel W. Lawrence,  
 John B. Le Baron,  
 George T. Lincoln,  
 James L. Locke,  
 James T. Mahony,  
 John B. Martin,  
 James A. McDonald,  
 John J. McNutt,  
 Frederick P. Moseley,  
 Daniel Noonan,  
 Charles S. Osgood,  
 Charles M. Peirce, Jr.,

Messrs. Wm. E. Perkins,  
 Willard P. Phillips,  
 Edward L. Pierce,  
 James Pierce,  
 Thomas F. Plunkett,  
 Richard Pope,  
 Albert E. Rice,  
 Wm. W. Rice,  
 Joshua C. Robinson,  
 Wallace F. Robinson,  
 Joseph S. Ropes,  
 Nathaniel J. Rust,  
 John Sanborn,  
 Charles B. Sanford,  
 Cyrus Savage,  
 John Savery,  
 Ebenezer Sawyer,  
 Nathaniel Seaver,  
 Charles L. Shaw,  
 Frederick P. Shaw,  
 Albert Smith,  
 E. F. Smith,  
 Edwin A. Spaulding,  
 Isaac Stebbins,  
 John C. Stimpson,  
 Isaac Stone,  
 Daniel J. Sweeney,  
 Samuel Talbot, Jr.,  
 Leonard A. Thayer,  
 Daniel H. Thurston,  
 Dexter A. Tompkins,  
 Byron Truell,  
 Chas. R. Tucker, Jr.,  
 Artemas S. Tyler,  
 Felix G. Whitney,  
 Henry M. Wilcox,  
 John H. Woodbury,  
 Wm. Woods,  
 Walter Wyman.

Boston,

Yeas, 87 ; nays, 112.

Amendments moved by Messrs. Stone of Northampton, and Long of Hingham, were severally adopted.

On motion of Mr. Goss of Melrose, the yeas and nays were ordered on the question of ordering the bill to a third reading ; and the roll being called, it was so ordered by a vote of 116 yeas to 79 nays, as follows :—



## YEAS.

Messrs. James Abbe,  
 Ebenezer Adams,  
 Andrew Athy,  
 Michael Atkinson,  
 Amasa W. Bailey,  
 Giles G. Barker,  
 T. D. Beach,  
 John H. Blake,  
 Horace L. Bowker,  
 Osgood Bradley, Jr.,  
 Wm. E. Bridgman,  
 Samuel R. Brintnall,  
 James H. Carleton,  
 Michael Carney,  
 William Carroll,  
 Charles R. Codman,  
 Patrick Collins,  
 Austin H. Connell,  
 Owen Coogan,  
 F. S. Coolidge,  
 A. M. Copeland,  
 J. W. Coveney,  
 Wm. D. Curtis,  
 Levi L. Cushing, Jr.,  
 Benj. F. Davis,  
 Jacob W. Davis,  
 Neil Doherty,  
 C. W. Duggan,  
 James E. Estabrook,  
 Thomas F. Fitz Gerald,  
 Samuel Flower,  
 John D. Flynn,  
 William Frost,  
 Henry W. Fuller,  
 Charles L. Gardner,  
 James W. Gaylord,  
 Emerson Geer,  
 Edward E. Gibbs,  
 Charles H. Greene,  
 Daniel G. Green,  
 Charles Hale,  
 Gayton M. Hall,  
 William A. Haskell,  
 Nicholas Hatheway,  
 Nathan M. Hawkes,  
 Moses B. Heywood,  
 James E. Hill,  
 Joseph W. Hill,

Messrs. Wm. A. Hodges,  
 Henry T. Holmes,  
 Salmon D. Hood,  
 Wm. B. Howard,  
 Francis M. Hughes,  
 S. A. Jacobs,  
 Henry L. James,  
 Thomas Johnson,  
 George W. Jones,  
 Philo Keith,  
 William Keith,  
 Moses Kimball,  
 William S. King,  
 George P. Kingsley,  
 Daniel W. Lawrence,  
 George T. Lincoln,  
 James L. Locke,  
 James T. Mahony,  
 John B. Martin,  
 William Martin,  
 James A. McDonald,  
 John J. McNutt,  
 Frederick P. Moseley,  
 Daniel Noonan,  
 Charles S. Osgood,  
 Joseph F. Paul,  
 Charles M. Peirce, Jr.,  
 William E. Perkins,  
 Willard P. Phillips,  
 James Pierce,  
 Thomas F. Plunkett,  
 Richard Pope,  
 Isaac Pratt, Jr.,  
 Albert E. Rice,  
 William W. Rice,  
 J. C. Richmond,  
 Wallace F. Robinson,  
 Joseph S. Ropes,  
 Nathaniel J. Rust,  
 John Sanborn,  
 Charles B. Sanford,  
 Cyrus Savage,  
 John Savery,  
 Ebenezer Sawyer,  
 Nathaniel Seaver,  
 Charles L. Shaw,  
 Frederick P. Shaw,  
 Albert Smith,

Messrs. E. F. Smith,  
John L. Smith,  
E. A. Spaulding,  
Richard H. Stearns,  
Isaac Stebbins,  
John C. Stimpson,  
Isaac Stone,  
Daniel J. Sweeney,  
Samuel Talbot, Jr.,  
Leonard A. Thayer,

Messrs. Daniel H. Thurston,  
Dexter A. Tompkins,  
Byron Truell,  
Artemas S. Tyler,  
Felix G. Whitney,  
Henry M. Wilcox,  
E. Crosby Willard,  
John H. Woodbury,  
William Woods,  
Walter Wyman.

NAYS.

Messrs. Samuel Allen,  
John J. Babson,  
Daniel D. Bailey,  
Cyrus F. Baker,  
John I. Baker,  
Joseph H. Baker,  
George Beal,  
John H. Bell,  
Wm. H. Bent,  
John Best,  
John C. Bickford,  
William E. Blunt,  
Reuben Boynton,  
Wilbur F. Brigham,  
Charles M. Brown,  
Isaac T. Burr,  
William Chase,  
Isaiah Churchill,  
A. B. Coffin,  
Augustine P. Cook,  
Lowell Coolidge,  
John A. Cummings,  
Francis C. Curtis,  
Epes Davis,  
Henry Dennis, Jr.,  
James W. Dwyer,  
George W. Dyer,  
John B. Fairbanks,  
Luther Fisk,  
Alpheus Fobes,  
Joseph Fobes,  
Benjamin Gifford,  
Levi L. Goodspeed,  
Elbridge H. Goss,  
Dexter Grose,  
George Hall,  
Solomon E. Hallett,

Messrs. Samuel R. Heywood,  
Beriah T. Hillman,  
E. Everett Holbrook,  
Amos B. Holden,  
Frederick G. Howes,  
Isaac N. Keith,  
Edward Kendall,  
Joel Knapp,  
Benj. F. Leighton,  
Daniel J. Lewis,  
Pliny T. Litchfield,  
John D. Long,  
Joseph T. Massey,  
Samuel May,  
F. G. Morris,  
George L. Newton,  
Edward W. Noble,  
Harrison D. Packard,  
Chas. H. Pew, 2d,  
Stephen C. Phinney,  
Edward L. Pierce,  
Alanson B. Pomeroy,  
Willard Putnam,  
Thomas Rich,  
Joshua C. Robinson,  
John L. Robinson,  
Charles A. Rogers,  
Cyrus K. Russell,  
John S. Ryder,  
Isaiah A. Small,  
George D. Smalley,  
Abraham H. Smith,  
Lafayette Stevens,  
Enoch H. Towne,  
Albert J. Trull,  
Edmond M. Vincent,  
George M. Warren,

Messrs. Austin C. Wellington, Messrs. Nathan M. Wood,  
 Joseph White, John H. Woodbury,  
 Wilbur F. Whitney, Beverly.

Yeas, 116 ; nays, 79.

The Bill to authorize the towns in the Commonwealth to pay bounties to soldiers was read and considered.

An amendment moved by Mr. Cummings of Somerville was adopted.

Pending the question of ordering the bill to a third reading.

The House, at 5.25,  
 Adjourned.

FRIDAY, March 12, 1875.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer was offered by the Chaplain.

*Petitions Presented.*

Deerfield Valley Agr. Soc. By Mr. Howes of Ashfield, petition of the Deerfield Valley Agricultural Society, for bounty due said society. Referred to the committee on Agriculture.

Middlefield. By Mr. Stevens of Worthington, petition of the selectmen of Middlefield for an appropriation to rebuild roads and bridges in said town, destroyed by the breaking away of reservoirs. Referred to the committee on Roads and Bridges.

New county. By Mr. Bickford of Berlin, remonstrance of Riley Smith and 149 others, against the division of Worcester County. Referred to the committee on the Division of Worcester County.

Labor—factory inspectors. By Mr. Sanford of Taunton, memorial of citizens and operatives of Dedham, in relation to the hours of labor, and the appointment of factory inspectors.

Labor bureau. By Mr. May of Leicester, petition of Wendell Phillips and others, that the Bureau of Statistics of Labor may be continued and made still more efficient.

Severally referred to the committee on the Labor Question.

Third Unitarian Society, Dorchester. By Mr. Moseley of Boston, petition of Joseph Dix and others, for change of name of Third Unitarian Society of

Dorchester. Referred, under suspension of the 20th joint rule, to the committee on Parishes and Religious Societies.

By Mr. Bright of Waltham, petition of the town of Waltham, for authority to raise money to complete its water works. Referred, under suspension of the 20th joint rule, to the committee on Mercantile Affairs.

Severally sent up for concurrence.

### *Orders.*

On motion of Mr. Pierce of Milton,—

*Ordered*, That the committee on the Judiciary consider the expediency of extending the law concerning limited partnerships to other kinds of business than those now included in it. Limited partnerships.

On motion of Mr. Pierce of Milton,—

*Ordered*, That the committee on Finance inquire and report what action has been taken under Resolve 73 of the Resolves of 1874, concerning the stock of the Commonwealth in the New York and New England Railroad Company, and as to the expediency of repealing or amending the same. N. Y. & N. E. R. R. Co.

### *Introduced on Leave.*

By Mr. Pope of Boston, a Bill in relation to the approval of the bonds of insurance agents. Read, referred to the committee on Insurance, and sent up for concurrence. Bonds of insurance agents.

### *Reports of Committees.*

By Mr. Haven of Framingham, from the committee on Public Charitable Institutions, leave to withdraw on petition of the Boston Deaf Mutes' Library Association for state aid. Deaf-Mute Lib. Association.

By Mr. Torrey of South Scituate, from the joint committee on Printing, that the order to consider the expediency of so amending the 23d joint rule relative to the general order to print a report, bill or other document, that the number to be printed shall be *nine* hundred, instead of eight hundred, ought to be adopted. Twenty-third joint rule.

Severally read and placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

By Mr. White of Williamstown, from the committee on Education, on the Annual Report of the Board of Education, a Bill making appropriations for certain educational purposes. Educational appropriations.

**Normal schools.** By the same gentleman, from the same committee, on the Annual Report of the Board of Education, a Resolve in favor of the normal schools at Framingham, Westfield, Bridgewater and Salem.

Severally read and referred to the committee on Finance.

**Nahant Land Co.** By Mr. Hawkes of Lynn, from the committee on Mercantile Affairs, on petition of S. E. Sewall and others, a Bill to incorporate the Nahant Land Company.

**Baths and wash-houses.** By Mr. Allen of Duxbury, from the committee on Towns, on an Order, a Bill to amend chapter 214 of the Acts of 1874, concerning public baths and wash-houses.

**Perpetual insurance.** By Mr. Pope of Boston, from the committee on Insurance, on an Order, a Bill to authorize joint stock insurance companies to insure against loss by fire or lightning, without limitation of time.

Severally read and ordered to a second reading.

*Papers from the Senate.*

**E. Crane et als.** Petitions of M. D. Ross and others, and of the Bay State Sugar Refinery Company and others, severally in aid of that of Edward Crane and associates, were severally referred in concurrence to the joint special committee on petition of Edward Crane and associates.

**Turner's Falls Bridge.** Remonstrances of the selectmen of Montague, and of the selectmen of Gill, against the petition of A. W. Stevens and others for the construction of a new bridge at Turner's Falls, were severally referred in concurrence to the committee on Roads and Bridges.

**Land damages for highways.** A Bill to regulate the assessment of damages for land taken in the location of highways in cases where the estate is encumbered by contingent remainders, was read and referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

**Reports :**

**Danvers—soldiers' bounties.** Of the committee on Towns, leave to withdraw on petition of George T. Russell of Danvers and others, for an Act authorizing said town to raise and appropriate money to pay soldiers' bounties ; and

**Abington.** Of the same committee, reference to next General Court, on petition of Joseph Vaughn and others, that the centre ward of Abington may be incorporated into a new town.

Severally accepted by the Senate, were read and placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

*Taken from the Table.*

On motion of Mr. Kimball of Boston, the Auditor's statement of expenses incurred in painting and repairing the State House, was taken from the table, referred to the Joint Committee on Expenditures, and sent up for concurrence. State house repairs.

On motion of Mr. King of Boston, the order relative to the message of the Governor, announcing the receipt of the colors of the 54th Massachusetts Regiment, was taken from the table, and adopted in concurrence. Fifty-fourth regiment.

On motion of the same gentleman, it was voted that the number of the committee provided for by the order, on the part of the House, should be five.

*Orders of the Day.*

The report of the committee on Fisheries, leave to withdraw on petition of John A. Williams and others, for amendment of the law relating to boundaries of fisheries in Taunton Great River, was accepted and sent up for concurrence. Orders of the day.

The report of the committee on Federal Relations, that the order relative to the reception of the President of the United States, the Vice-President, and other distinguished guests, on the 17th of June next, ought to be adopted in a new form, was accepted. The order, as adopted, was as follows :—

*Ordered*, That the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives, together with one other member of the Senate and four other members of the House, be appointed a committee, with full powers, to make such arrangements as may be deemed proper and expedient for the reception, on the part of the State, of the President and Vice-President of the United States, and other distinguished strangers who may visit the State upon the occasion of the celebration of the 17th of June next, the centennial of the battle of Bunker Hill.

The bill to authorize the towns in the Commonwealth to pay bounties to soldiers, was further considered.

On motion of Mr. King of Boston, the vote whereby the House yesterday adopted an amendment striking out the second section of the bill was reconsidered, and the question recurring on the adoption of the amendment, it was lost.

Amendments moved by Messrs. Churchill and Perkins of Boston, Coffin of Winchester, Copeland of Springfield, Cummings of Somerville, and Nutter of East Bridgewater, were severally adopted.

The bill, as amended, was then rejected.

Subsequently, Mr. Nutter of East Bridgewater moved to reconsider the rejection of the bill, which motion was, under the rule, placed first in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

The report of the committee on the Labor Question, inexpedient to legislate on an Order of the House to inquire into the expediency of abolishing the Bureau of Statistics of Labor, was further considered.

Mr. Hale of Boston moved to amend the report by substituting a Bill for the discontinuance of the Bureau of Statistics of Labor, and providing for taking the decennial census and industrial statistics, under the direction of the Secretary of the Commonwealth.

Pending the consideration of the amendment, the House, at 5.20,

Adjourned.

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SATURDAY, March 13, 1875.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer was offered by the Chaplain.

*Petitions Presented.*

**Malden River.** By Mr. Pierce of Malden, remonstrance of Benjamin Faulkner and others, against the petition for the bridging of Malden River. Referred to the committee on Roads and Bridges.

**Boston parks.** By Mr. Pierce of Milton, petition of the members of the Massachusetts Medical Society in aid of a system of public parks for Boston. Referred to committee on Water Supply and Drainage.

**New county.** By Mr. Spaulding of Townsend, remonstrance of Charles Chandler of Shirley and 113 others, against the separation of said town from Middlesex County. Referred to the committee on Division of Worcester County.

Severally sent up for concurrence.

*Reports of Committees.*

By Mr. Heywood of Concord, from the committee on the Judiciary, that the Bill (on leave) to establish the West Norfolk District Court, ought not to pass.

West Norfolk  
District Court.

By Mr. Fuller of Boston, from the committee on State Salaries and Expenditures, that the Bill to establish the salaries of the Register of Probate and Insolvency for the county of Hampden, ought not to pass.

Reg. Probate  
Hampden Co.

Severally placed in the orders of the day for Monday, the question in each case being on rejection.

*Committees Appointed.*

The Speaker announced the following committee on the part of the House on the reception of the President and other distinguished guests on the 17th of June: Messrs. Phillips of Salem, Plunkett of Pittsfield, Perkins of Boston, and May of Leicester.

Seventeenth of  
June.

Sent up to be joined.

The Speaker also announced the following as the committee joined on the part of the House, on reception of the colors of the fifty-fourth regiment: Messrs. King of Boston, Cushing of Cambridge, Fuller of Boston, Boynton of Westborough, and Savage of Taunton.

Fifty-fourth  
regiment.*Papers from the Senate.*

Papers were referred, in concurrence, as follows:—

Petition of George H. Hall, for state aid, to the committee on Claims.

Geo. H. Hall.

Of E. H. Rice and others, for the passage of a Bill for the incorporation of the Boston and Chicago Railway Trust Company, to the committee on petition of Edward Crane and associates.

E. Crane et als.

Remonstrances respectively of the selectmen of Leyden and of the selectmen of Orange, against the petition for the construction of a new bridge across the Connecticut River at Turner's Falls, severally to the committee on Roads and Bridges.

Turner's Falls  
Bridge.

The remonstrance of the Rod and Gun Club of Springfield, against any change in the laws relating to brook trout, was referred to the committee on the Fisheries.

Brook trout.

A Resolve in favor of Charles W. Baxter, passed to be

C. W. Baxter.



engrossed by the Senate, was read and referred in course to the committee on Finance.

Boston Water Board.

A Bill to amend section 1 of chapter 179 of the Acts of 1874, entitled "An Act to establish the Boston Water Board," passed to be engrossed by the Senate, was read and referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

Reports :

R. I. Burbank.

Of the committee on State Salaries and Expenditures, leave to withdraw on petition of Robert I. Burbank, for increase of salary as judge of the municipal court of South Boston district ; and

G. W. Warren.

On petition of G. Washington Warren, for increase of salary as judge of the municipal court, Charlestown district ;

Severally accepted by the Senate, were read and placed in the orders of the day for Monday.

### *Bill Enacted.*

Bill enacted.

Engrossed bill :

To authorize the town of Woburn to raise money for a centennial celebration of the battle of Lexington ;

(Which originated in the Senate ;)

Was passed to be enacted, signed, and sent to the Senate.

### *Orders of the Day.*

Orders of the day.

Reports :

Of the committee on Towns, leave to withdraw on petition of George T. Russell and others of Danvers, for an Act authorizing said town to raise and appropriate money to pay soldiers' bounties ; and

That the petition of Joseph Vaughn and others, for the incorporation of the Centre Ward of Abington into a new town, be referred to the next General Court ;

Were severally accepted in concurrence.

The report of the committee on Public Charitable Institutions, leave to withdraw on petition of the Boston Deaf-Mutes' Library Association, for state aid, was accepted and sent up for concurrence.

The report of the joint committee on Printing, that the Order to amend the 23d joint rule, so that the number of documents printed under it shall be nine hundred instead of eight hundred, ought to be adopted, was considered, and the order was rejected.

The report of the committee on Agriculture, inexpedient to legislate on an Order relative to the growth and preservation of forest-trees, was laid on the table, on motion of Mr. Stearns of Boston.

The Senate Bill to amend section 16 of chapter 38 of the General Statutes, relative to the election of school committees in towns, was read a second time. Pending the consideration of an amendment moved by Mr. Hillman of Chilmark, the bill was, on motion of Mr. Robinson of Wenham, laid on the table.

**Bills :**

To amend an Act to regulate the fisheries in Taunton Great River and Nemasket River (amended on motion of Messrs. Carney and Hill of Boston) ; and

To authorize joint stock insurance companies to insure against loss by fire or lightning without limitation of time ;

Were severally read and ordered to a third reading.

**Bills :**

To authorize the town of Pepperell to issue bonds for the purpose of funding its debts ;

To amend chapter 214 of the Acts of 1874, concerning public baths and wash-houses ; and

To incorporate the Nahant Land Company ;

Were severally read a second time and rejected.

Subsequently, Mr. Hawkes of Lynn, moved to reconsider the vote by which the last-named bill was rejected.

Placed in the orders of the day for Monday.

The Bill (on leave) to prohibit officers of savings banks from acting as insurance agents, was rejected, as recommended by the committee on Banks and Banking.

The motion of Mr. Nutter of East Bridgewater, to reconsider the vote whereby the House rejected the Bill to authorize the towns in the Commonwealth to pay bounties to soldiers, was considered.

On motion of Mr. Hatheway of Fall River, the yeas and nays were ordered, and the roll being called, the motion to reconsider was lost by a vote of 73 yeas to 79 nays, as follows :—

**YEAS.**

Messrs. Stephen M. Allen,  
Andrew Athy,  
Michael Atkinson,  
Amasa W. Bailey,

Messrs. Daniel D. Bailey,  
Joseph H. Baker,  
Giles G. Barker,  
James Bergin,

**Messrs.** John Best,  
 John H. Blake,  
 Frederick L. Bosworth,  
 Reuben Boynton,  
 Wilbur F. Brigham,  
 Michael Carney,  
 William Carroll,  
 Gardner A. Churchill,  
 Isaiah Churchill,  
 A. B. Coffin,  
 Austin H. Connell,  
 Augustine P. Cook,  
 Lowell Coolidge,  
 Francis C. Curtis,  
 Epes Davis,  
 Neil Doherty,  
 C. W. Duggan,  
 George W. Dyer,  
 John B. Fairbanks,  
 Thomas F. Fitz Gerald,  
 John D. Flynn,  
 Alpheus Fobes,  
 Dexter Grose,  
 William A. Haskell,  
 Nicholas Hatheway,  
 James E. Hill,  
 Joseph W. Hill,  
 Henry T. Holmes,  
 S. D. Hood,  
 Wm. B. Howard,  
 Francis M. Hughes,  
 Thomas Johnson,  
 Isaac N. Keith,

**Messrs.** Edward Kendall,  
 Wm. S. King,  
 Joel Knapp,  
 Daniel W. Lawrence,  
 Benj. F. Leighton,  
 James L. Locke,  
 James T. Mahony,  
 William Martin,  
 James A. McDonald,  
 Clement Meserve,  
 Geo. L. Newton,  
 Isaac N. Nutter,  
 Chas. M. Peirce, Jr.,  
 Chas. H. Pew, 2d,  
 Stephen C. Phinney,  
 Geo. W. Reed,  
 J. C. Richmond,  
 John L. Robinson,  
 Charles A. Rogers,  
 John Sanborn,  
 Cyrus Savage,  
 Ebenezer Sawyer,  
 Abraham H. Smith,  
 Chas. A. F. Swan,  
 Leonard A. Thayer,  
 Daniel H. Thurston,  
 Dexter A. Tompkins,  
 George H. Torrey,  
 Artemas S. Tyler,  
 Cranmore N. Wallace,  
 John H. Woodbury,  
 Beverly,  
 Walter Wyman.

## NAYS.

**Messrs.** Samuel Allen,  
 Wm. E. Blunt,  
 Osgood Bradley, Jr.,  
 Wm. E. Bridgman,  
 Wm. E. Bright,  
 Samuel R. Brintnall,  
 Charles M. Brown,  
 Isaac T. Burr,  
 William Chase,  
 Charles R. Codman,  
 Patrick Collins,  
 John A. Cummings,  
 Levi L. Cushing, Jr.,  
 Lewis Day,  
 Henry Dennis, Jr.,

**Messrs.** James E. Estabrook,  
 Joseph Fobes,  
 William Frost,  
 Henry W. Fuller,  
 Albert W. Gaskill,  
 James W. Gaylord,  
 Edward E. Gibbs,  
 Benjamin Gifford,  
 Charles H. Greene,  
 Charles Hale,  
 Gayton M. Hall,  
 George Hall,  
 David E. Harding,  
 George Haven,  
 Nathan M. Hawkes,

Messrs. George Heywood,  
 Samuel R. Heywood,  
 Beriah T. Hillman,  
 William A. Hodges,  
 Daniel P. Hopkinson,  
 Philo Keith,  
 Moses Kimball,  
 George P. Kingsley,  
 Wm. S. Knox,  
 John B. Le Baron,  
 Pliny T. Litchfield,  
 John D. Long,  
 Edward S. May,  
 Wm. B. Merrill,  
 John T. Morse,  
 Edward W. Noble,  
 Chas. S. Osgood,  
 Harrison D. Packard,  
 Joseph F. Paul,  
 Wm. E. Perkins,  
 Edward L. Pierce,  
 Thomas F. Plunkett,  
 Alanson B. Pomeroy,  
 Richard Pope,  
 Isaac Pratt, Jr.,

Messrs. Wm. W. Rice,  
 Joseph S. Ropes,  
 John S. Ryder,  
 Edward Sanderson,  
 Chas. B. Sanford,  
 John Savery,  
 Nathaniel Seaver,  
 Frederick P. Shaw,  
 Isaiah A. Small,  
 Geo. D. Smalley,  
 Albert Smith,  
 E. F. Smith,  
 John L. Smith,  
 E. A. Spaulding,  
 Richard H. Stearns,  
 Isaac Stebbins,  
 Lafayette Stevens,  
 Wm. A. Thompson,  
 Enoch H. Towne,  
 Byron Truell,  
 Albert J. Trull,  
 George M. Warren,  
 Moses Williams, Jr.,  
 William Winn.

Yeas, 73 ; nays, 79.

On motion of Mr. Pew of Gloucester, the report of the committee on the Labor Question, inexpedient to legislate on the abolition of the Bureau of Statistics of Labor, with the pending amendment moved by Mr. Hale of Boston, was postponed for further consideration until Tuesday next.

The Bill to regulate the sale of intoxicating liquors was read a third time.

Pending an amendment moved by Mr. Perkins of Boston, the further consideration of the bill was, on motion of Mr. Boynton of Westborough, postponed until Wednesday next.

At 1.20 P. M. the House  
 Adjourned.

MONDAY, March 15, 1875.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer was offered by the Chaplain.

*Petitions Presented.*

**Burlington.** By Mr. Winn of Burlington, petition of the citizens of Burlington, for permission to raise money by taxation for defraying the expenses for celebrating the nineteenth day of April next. Referred, under suspension of the 20th joint rule, to the committee on Towns.

**Boston parks.** By Mr. Codman of Boston, petitions of Arthur H. Nichols and others, and of D. W. Chamberlain and others, severally in aid of the petition for a system of public parks for the city of Boston.

**Rockport.** By Mr. Dennis of Rockport, petition of Amos Rowe, Jr., and others of Rockport, for an Act authorizing them to take water from Cape Pond in said town, for domestic and manufacturing purposes.

Severally referred to the committee on Water Supply and Drainage, the last named under suspension of the 20th joint rule.

**First Universalist Society, Dedham.** By Mr. Day of Norwood, petition of George S. Rhoads and others, for change of name of the First Universalist Society in Dedham. Referred, under suspension of the 20th joint rule, to the committee on Parishes and Religious Societies.

**E. Crane et als.** By Mr. Bowker of Boston, petition of Samuel Hatch and others, for the incorporation of the Boston and Chicago Railway Trust Company. Referred to the committee on petition of Edward Crane and associates.

**New county.** By Mr. Richmond of Harvard, remonstrance of J. L. S. Thompson and others of Lancaster, against the division of Worcester County. Referred to the committee on that subject.

Severally sent up for concurrence.

*Taken from the Table.*

**Taxation of mortgaged property.**

On motion of Mr. Best of Stoneham, the Bill (on leave) to equalize taxation on mortgaged property was taken from the table and referred to the committee on Finance.

*Papers from the Senate.*

The report of the committee on Banks and Banking, leave to withdraw on petition of William M. Fisher and others, for a savings bank at Attleborough, accepted by the Senate, was read and placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

Wm. M. Fisher  
—Attleborough  
Savings Bank.

A Bill to amend chapter 316 of the Acts of the year 1874, to establish the First District Court of Plymouth, passed to be engrossed by the Senate, was read and referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

Plymouth—  
First District  
Court.

**Bills :**

To incorporate the Wollaston Wharf and Dock Company ; and

Wollaston  
Wharf and  
Dock Co.

In relation to the overseers of the poor in the city of Boston ;

Boston over-  
seers of poor.

Severally passed to be engrossed by the Senate, were severally read and ordered to a second reading.

*Ordered*, In concurrence, that the contributors to the report of the commissioners appointed to consider the expediency of revising and amending the laws relating to taxation, be allowed to use the plates of so much of said report as their papers cover, for the purpose of printing pamphlets of said papers for their own use.

Use of plates of  
report on taxa-  
tion.

*Order.*

On motion of Mr. Hawkes of Lynn,—

*Ordered*, That the committee on Probate and Chancery consider and report upon the expediency of allowing executors to mortgage real estate as is now provided by chapter 212 of the Acts of 1864, in the case of administrators and guardians.

Executors.

The sixth annual report of the Bureau of Statistics of Labor was received and referred to the committee on the Labor Question.

Labor Bureau  
report.

Sent up for concurrence.

*Bills Enacted.*

Engrossed bills :

Bills enacted.

Concerning vagrants ;

To amend section 49, chapter 872 of the Acts of 1874, relative to the issuing of bonds by railroad corporations ;  
(Which severally originated in the Senate ;)

To incorporate the Chicopee Falls Savings Bank ;  
 To change the name of the Second Parish in Sherborn ;  
 Concerning the clam fisheries in the town of Winthrop ;  
 Amending section 1 of chapter 193 of the Acts of the  
 year 1873, concerning uniforms for officers of the state  
 prison, and repealing section 2 of said chapter ;  
 (Which severally originated in the House ;)  
 Were passed to be enacted, signed, and sent to the Senate.

**Resolves passed.**

Engrossed resolves :  
 In favor of John H. Lamson ;  
 In favor of the town of Greenfield ;  
 In favor of the State Lunatic Hospital at Taunton ;  
 (Which severally originated in the House ;)  
 Were passed, signed, and sent to the Senate.

*Reports of Committees.*

**Boston parks.**

By Mr. Codman of Boston, from the committee on the Judiciary, asking to be discharged from further consideration of the petition of James L. Little and others, for a system of public parks, and that it be referred to the committee on Water Supply and Drainage. Accepted, under suspension of the rule, and sent up for concurrence in so much as relates to the reference of the petition.

**Idiotic and feeble-minded youth.**

By Mr. Carleton of Haverhill, from the committee on Public Charitable Institutions, on petition of the trustees of the Massachusetts School for Idiotic and Feeble-Minded Youth, for an appropriation to defray current expenses, a Resolve in favor of the Massachusetts School for Idiotic and Feeble-Minded Youth.

**Overpaid insurance taxes.**

By Mr. Cummings of Somerville, from the committee on Claims, on an Order to consider and report on all cases analogous to that presented in the petition of R. B. Robinson, a Resolve for the reimbursement of certain taxes overpaid by insurance agents.

Severally read and referred to the committee on Finance.

**Boston Water Board.**

By Mr. Codman of Boston, from the committee on the Judiciary, that the Senate Bill to amend section 1 of chapter 179 of the Acts of the year 1874, entitled "An Act to establish the Boston Water Board," ought to pass.

**German Aid Society.**

By the same gentleman, from the same committee, that the Senate Bill to change the name of the Society of Boston and Vicinity for the aid of German Immigrants, ought to pass.

Severally placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow for a second reading.

*Orders of the Day.*

Reports of the committee on State Salaries and Expenditures, leave to withdraw on petition of Robert I. Burbank, for increase of salary as judge of the municipal court of South Boston district; and on petition of G. Washington Warren, for increase of salary as judge of the municipal court, Charlestown district, were severally accepted in concurrence. Orders of the day.

The House Bill (on leave) to establish the salary of the register of probate and insolvency for the county of Hampden was rejected, as recommended by the committee on State Salaries and Expenditures.

The House Bill (on leave) to establish the West Norfolk District Court was rejected, as recommended by the committee on the Judiciary.

*Bills :*

To amend an Act to regulate the fisheries in Taunton Great River and Nemasket River; and

To authorize joint stock insurance companies to insure against loss by fire or lightning without limitation of time (amended on motion of Messrs. Pope and Kimball of Boston, and Long of Hingham);

Were severally read, passed to be engrossed, and sent up for concurrence.

The motion of Mr. Hawkes of Lynn, to reconsider the vote whereby the House rejected the Bill to incorporate the Nahant Land Company, was carried. On motion of the same gentleman, pending the question of ordering it to a third reading, the bill was recommitted to the committee on Mercantile Affairs.

At 3 o'clock, the House  
Adjourned.

TUESDAY, March 16, 1875.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer was offered by the Chaplain.

*Petitions Presented.*

By Mr. Baker of Beverly, petition of Samuel Brown, E. Crane et al., B. H. Ives and others of Salem, for the passage of an Act



to incorporate the Boston and Chicago Railway Trust Company. Referred to the committee on petition of Edward Crane and associates.

Turner's Falls  
Bridge.

By Mr. Green of Northfield, remonstrances of the selectmen of the towns of Northfield, Rowe, Whately, New Salem, Bernardston, Heath, Ashfield, Hawley, Conway, Leverett, Monroe and Charlemont, severally against petition of A. W. Stevens and others. Referred to the committee on Roads and Bridges.

Severally sent up for concurrence.

Martha's Vine-  
yard R. R. Co.

By Mr. Hillman of Chilmark, petition of G. N. Collins and others, that the Martha's Vineyard Railroad Corporation be exempted from fencing said road between Edgartown and Oak Bluffs. Referred, under the 20th joint rule, to the next General Court.

*Papers from the Senate.*

E. Crane et als.

Petitions of Ruggles & Aldrich and others, and of Philip Ham and others, in aid of the petition of Edward Crane and associates for an Act to incorporate the Boston and Chicago Railway Trust Company, were referred in concurrence to the committee on the petition of Edward Crane and associates.

**Reports :**

Taxation.

Of the joint committee on Printing, that the Order relative to binding the report of the commissioner on laws relating to taxation ought to be adopted ;

Taxation of  
trust company  
deposits.

Of the committee on Banks and Banking, inexpedient to legislate upon the Order in relation to equalization of taxation of deposits in trust companies ; and

Taunton River  
fisheries.

Of the committee on Fisheries, leave to withdraw on the petition of Allen H. Ingalls and others, that the shad and alewife fisheries in Taunton Great River may be made free ;

Severally accepted by the Senate, were read and placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

*Order.*

The following order, offered by Mr. Copeland of Springfield, was laid over at request of Mr. Bowker of Boston :—

New business.

*Ordered,* That all new business presented after this date shall be referred to the next General Court, unless the House shall unanimously consent to act upon it at the time of its introduction.

*Taken from the Table.*

On motion of Mr. Long of Hingham, the Order relative to the assessment laws. Referred to the committee on Finance. Assessment laws.

On motion of Mr. Kimball of Boston, the Resolve to provide compensation for obtaining the census and industrial statistics of the Commonwealth for the year 1875; and the Census.

Bill to provide for the taking of the decennial census in the city of Boston. Boston decennial census.

Severally placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow, the question in each case being on ordering to a third reading.

On motion of the same gentleman, the annual report of the Deputy Tax Commissioner. Placed on the files of the House. Deputy Tax Commissioner.

On motion of Mr. Copeland of Springfield, the report of the committee on Agriculture, inexpedient to legislate on an Order relative to the growth and preservation of forest trees. Forest trees. Recommitted to committee on Agriculture.

*Reports of Committees.*

By Mr. Pratt of Boston, from the committee on Claims, on a petition, a Resolve in favor of Edward Archibald and Percy Archibald. Read and referred to the committee on Finance. Edward and Percy Archibald.

By Mr. Whitney of Ashburnham, from the committee on Finance, that the Resolve in favor of the Disabled Soldiers' Employment Bureau ought not to pass. Placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow. Question on its rejection. Soldiers' Employment Bureau.

By Mr. Cummings of Somerville, from the committee on Claims, asking to be discharged from the further consideration of the petition of Priscilla Freeman for restoration of right to fish in Tisbury Great Pond, and that the same be referred to the committee on the Judiciary. Accepted under suspension of the rules, and sent up for concurrence in so much as discharges the committee. Priscilla Freeman.

By Mr. Johnson of Nahant, from the committee on Fisheries, leave to withdraw on petition of the selectmen of Truro asking to control the fisheries at Wilder's Bridge in said town. Truro.

Trout and lobsters.

By the same gentleman, from the same committee, leave to withdraw on petitions of the Massachusetts Anglers' Association, and of G. C. Whiting and others, relating to the protection of lobsters.

Overseers of houses of correction.

By Mr. Hill of Boston, from the committee on Prisons, inexpedient to legislate on an Order relative to abolishing the office of overseers of houses of correction.

Transfer of freight.

By Mr. Heywood of Worcester, from the committee on Railroads, no legislation necessary on an Order relative to amending the laws relating to the transfer of freight from one railroad to another.

Dog laws.

By Mr. Smith of Dartmouth, from the committee on Agriculture, inexpedient to legislate on an Order relative to amending the laws relating to dogs.

Fowls.

By Mr. Gaskill of Mendon, from the same committee, leave to withdraw on petition of B. N. Bullock of Leicester for a law for the protection of fowls.

Severally read and placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

O. W. Baxter.

By Mr. Cushing of Cambridge, from the committee on Finance, that the Senate Resolve in favor of Charles W. Baxter ought to pass.

Overpaid insurance taxes.

By the same gentleman, from the same committee, that the Resolve for the reimbursement of certain taxes overpaid by insurance agents ought to pass.

So. Abington.

By Mr. Blaney of Peabody, from the same committee, that the Resolve to furnish certain documents and standard weights and measures to the town of South Abington ought to pass.

Peter Powers.

By Mr. Stearns of Boston, from the same committee, that the Resolve in favor of Peter Powers ought to pass.

Idiotic and feeble-minded youth.

By the same gentleman, from the same committee, that the Resolve in favor of the Massachusetts School for Idiotic and Feeble-Minded Youth ought to pass.

Navy record.

By Mr. Torrey of South Scituate, from the joint committee on Printing, that the Resolve to authorize the publication of a list of Massachusetts officers and sailors who served in the navy in the late civil war ought to pass.

Melrose.

By Mr. Copeland of Springfield, from the committee on Claims, that the Resolve in favor of the town of Melrose ought to pass.

Severally placed in the orders of the day for a second reading to-morrow.

By Mr. Cushing of Cambridge, from the committee on

Finance, asking to be discharged from further consideration of the Bill fixing the compensation of members of the Legislature. Legislative compensation.

Read, accepted under a suspension of the rule, and the bill placed in the orders of the day for a second reading to-morrow.

By Mr. Paul of Boston, from the committee on Insurance, on petition of Elizur Wright and others, a Bill to incorporate the Massachusetts Family Bank. Family Bank.

By Mr. Codman of Boston, from the committee on the Judiciary, on petition of said city, a Bill to amend the charter of the city of Newburyport. Newburyport—charter.

By Mr. Massey of Bellingham, from the committee on Parishes and Religious Societies, on petition, a Bill to change the name of the Fourth Congregational Society of Springfield, and to legalize certain acts of said society. Fourth Congregational Society, Springfield.

Severally read and ordered to a second reading.

By Mr. Merrill of Boston, from the committee on Prisons, on an Order, a Bill authorizing improvements at the State Prison, and for other purposes. New prison.

The report was signed by Mr. Edson of the Senate, and Messrs. Merrill, Bosworth, Litchfield, Towne and Day of the House.

Messrs. Winslow and Flatley of the Senate, and Hill, Joshua C. Robinson, and Locke of the House, a minority of the committee, dissented from the report, and presented their views in writing.

The bill was read, and referred in course to the committee on Finance.

By Mr. Woods of Boston, from the committee on Federal Relations, to whom were referred sundry resolutions and other papers relative to Louisiana affairs, a report and Resolution in relation to the action of the United States troops in Louisiana. Louisiana.

The report was signed by Messrs. Phillips of the Senate, and Woods, Le Baron and Philo Keith of the House.

Messrs. Palmer of the Senate, and Samuel May and Packard of the House, a minority of the committee, also presented their views in writing.

The report and resolution were read, and placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

*Bills Enacted.***Bills enacted.**

Engrossed bills :

For the preservation of the eel fishery in the town of Mashpee ;

To establish a legal and standard measure of a barrel of cranberries ;

To define the location of risks to be taken by mutual fire insurance companies ;

Relative to bonds to dissolve attachments, and in writs of review ;

(Which severally originated in the House ;)

Were passed to be enacted, signed, and sent to the Senate.

**Resolve passed.**

A Resolve in relation to Menemsha Creek and Pond in the towns of Chilmark and Gay Head ;

(Which originated in the House ;)

Was passed, signed, and sent to the Senate.

*Orders of the Day.***Orders of the day.**

The Report of the committee on Banks and Banking, leave to withdraw, on the petition of William M. Fisher and others, for a savings bank at Attleborough, was accepted in concurrence.

Bills :

To change the name of the Society of Boston and Vicinity for the aid of German Immigrants ;

To amend section 1 of chapter 179 of the Acts of the year 1874, entitled "An Act to establish the Boston Water Board" ;

To incorporate the Wollaston Wharf and Dock Company ; and

In relation to the overseers of the poor in the city of Boston ;

Were severally read and ordered to a third reading.

The report of the committee on the Labor Question, inexpedient to legislate on an Order of the House to inquire into the expediency of abolishing the Bureau of Statistics of Labor, was further considered.

On motion of Mr. Atkinson of Newburyport, the yeas and nays were ordered on the question of amending the report by substituting therefor a bill moved by Mr. Hale of Boston, and the roll being called, the amendment was rejected by a vote of 36 yeas to 134 nays, as follows :—

YEAS.

Messrs. Samuel Allen,  
John J. Babson,  
T. D. Beach,  
Wm. E. Bridgman,  
A. M. Copeland,  
Wm. D. Curtis,  
Benj. F. Davis,  
Jacob W. Davis,  
James W. Dwyer,  
Samuel Flower,  
Joseph Fobes,  
H. W. Fuller,  
Edward E. Gibbs,  
Charles H. Greene,  
Daniel G. Green,  
Charles Hale,  
George Hall,  
Salmon D. Hood,

Messrs. Henry L. James,  
George W. Jones,  
Philo Keith,  
James L. Locke,  
Henry S. Miner,  
Joseph F. Paul,  
Thomas F. Plunkett,  
Isaac Pratt, Jr.,  
Albert E. Rice,  
Thomas Rich,  
Joseph S. Ropes,  
Edward Sanderson,  
Charles B. Sanford,  
John M. Seeley,  
Chas. L. Shaw,  
Lafayette Stevens,  
Samuel Talbot, Jr.,  
Felix G. Whitney.

NAYS.

Messrs. Ebenezer Adams,  
Stephen M. Allen,  
Andrew Athy,  
Michael Atkinson,  
Amasa W. Bailey,  
Cyrus F. Baker,  
John I. Baker,  
Joseph H. Baker,  
George Beal,  
John H. Bell,  
Wm. H. Bent,  
James Bergin,  
John Best,  
John H. Blake,  
Stephen F. Blaney,  
William E. Blunt,  
Frederick L. Bosworth,  
Horace L. Bowker,  
Reuben Boynton,  
Samuel R. Brintnall,  
Charles M. Brown,  
Isaac T. Burr,  
James H. Carleton,  
Michael Carney,  
William Chase,  
Gardner A. Churchill,  
Isaiah Churchill,

Messrs. Abraham B. Coffin,  
Patrick Collins,  
Austin H. Connell,  
Owen Coogan,  
Augustine P. Cook,  
Lowell Coolidge,  
John A. Cummings,  
Ben. C. Currier,  
Epes Davis,  
Lewis Day,  
Henry Dennis, Jr.,  
Neil Doherty,  
C. W. Duggan,  
George W. Dyer,  
Edwin Ellis,  
James E. Estabrook,  
Thomas F. Fitz Gerald,  
John D. Flynn,  
Alpheus Fobes,  
William Frost,  
James W. Gaylord,  
Emerson Geer,  
Benjamin Gifford,  
Elbridge H. Goss,  
Gayton M. Hall,  
Solomon E. Hallett,  
David E. Harding,

Messrs. William A. Haskell,	Messrs. Chas. M. Peirce, Jr.,
George Haven,	Wm. E. Perkins,
Nathan M. Hawkes,	Charles H. Pew, 2d,
Samuel R. Heywood,	Stephen C. Phinney,
James E. Hill,	Willard Putnam,
Joseph W. Hill,	Edward B. Rankin,
Wm. A. Hodges,	George W. Reed,
E. Everett Holbrook,	William W. Rice,
Amos B. Holden,	John L. Robinson,
Henry T. Holmes,	Wallace F. Robinson,
Daniel P. Hopkinson,	Charles A. Rogers,
Wm. B. Howard,	Cyrus K. Russell,
Frederick G. Howes,	John Sanborn,
Francis M. Hughes,	Cyrus Savage,
Edward J. Johnson,	Ebenezer Sawyer,
Thomas Johnson,	Isaiah A. Small,
Isaac N. Keith,	Albert Smith,
Wm. Keith,	Edward F. Smith,
Edward Kendall,	John L. Smith,
Moses Kimball,	Isaac Stebbins,
William S. King,	John C. Stimpson,
George P. Kingsley,	Isaac Stone,
Joel Knapp,	Dan'l J. Sweeney,
William S. Knox,	Leonard A. Thayer,
Daniel W. Lawrence,	Daniel H. Thurston,
Benj. F. Leighton,	Dexter A. Tompkins,
Geo. T. Lincoln,	Enoch H. Towne,
John D. Long,	Byron Truell,
James T. Mahony,	Artemas S. Tyler,
William Martin,	Cranmore N. Wallace,
Joseph T. Massey,	George M. Warren,
Edward S. May,	Austin C. Wellington,
Samuel May,	Moses Williams, Jr.,
James A. McDonald,	William Winn,
John J. McNutt,	Nathan M. Wood,
William B. Merrill,	John H. Woodbury,
George L. Newton,	John H. Woodbury, <sup>Boston,</sup>
Edward W. Noble,	William Woods, <sup>Beverly,</sup>
Daniel Noonan,	Walter Wyman.
Isaac N. Nutter,	
Harrison D. Packard,	

Yeas, 36 ; nays, 134.

The report was then accepted, and sent up for concurrence. Subsequently, Mr. Ropes of Boston moved to reconsider the vote whereby the report was accepted.

Placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

At 4.40, the House  
Adjourned.

WEDNESDAY, March 17, 1875.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer was offered by the Chaplain of the Senate.

*Petitions Presented.*

By Mr. Wood of Swansea, petition of the selectmen of Palmer's River. Swansea, for an extension of time for fishing in Palmer's River. Referred, under suspension of the 20th joint rule, to the committee on Fisheries.

By Mr. Woodbury of Beverly, petition of O. F. Swa- E. Crane et als. sey and others of Beverly, in aid of petition of Edward Crane and others, for an Act to incorporate the Boston and Chicago Railway Trust Company. Referred to the committee on petition of Edward Crane and associates.

Severally sent up for concurrence.

By Mr. Stone of Northampton, petition of Captain B. B. F. Prouty. F. Prouty, for pay for services rendered at the Mill River disaster. Referred to the next General Court, under 20th joint rule.

On motion of Mr. Allen of Duxbury, the vote whereby Eugene Glass. the House yesterday refused leave to introduce a Resolve in favor of Eugene Glass was reconsidered, leave was granted, the resolve was read and referred to the committee on Claims, and sent up for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. Hillman of Chilmark, the vote Martha's Vine-  
yard R. R. Co. whereby the House refused yesterday to suspend the 20th joint rule on petition of G. N. Collins and others was reconsidered, the rule was suspended, and the petition was referred to the committee on Railroads and sent up for concurrence.

The Order relative to new business offered yesterday New business. by Mr. Copeland of Springfield, and laid over, was adopted.

*Reports of Committees.*

By Mr. Codman of Boston, from the committee on the Clerk So. Boston  
District Court. Judiciary, on petition of Joseph H. Allen, a Bill to fix the salary of the clerk of the municipal court of the South Boston district.

By Mr. Fisk of Dennis, from the committee on Claims, Maria Gragg. on petition of Maria Gragg, for state aid, a Resolve in favor of Maria Gragg.



Deerfield Valley  
Agr. Society.

By Mr. Miner of Phillipston, from the committee on Agriculture, on petition of D. L. Smith, a Resolve in favor of the Deerfield Valley Agricultural Society.

Severally read and referred in course to the committee on Finance.

Lehigh & East-  
ern R. R. Co.

By Mr. Kimball of Boston, from the committee on Finance, leave to withdraw on petition of the Lehigh and Eastern Railroad Company, that the State guarantee by indorsement of their first mortgage bonds to the extent of five millions of dollars.

State Primary  
School.

By Mr. Churchill of Boston, from the committee on Public Charitable Institutions, leave to withdraw on petition of the inspectors of the State Primary School at Monson, for leave to apply unexpended funds for the purchase of land, and for improvements.

Boston and  
Charleston  
Steamship Co.

By Mr. Rust of Boston, from the committee on Mercantile Affairs, leave to withdraw on petition of Edmund Kemble, for Act of incorporation of the Boston and Charleston Steamship Company.

"American  
Naturalist."

By Mr. Robinson of Wenham, from the committee on Education, inexpedient to legislate on an Order relative to purchasing a certain number of copies of the "American Naturalist" for distribution among the public schools of the State.

Probate judge—  
Dukes Co.

By Mr. Sanborn of Boston, from the committee on State Salaries and Expenditures, leave to withdraw on petition of judge of probate for Dukes County for increase of salary.

Reg. probate—  
Dukes Co.

By the same gentleman, from the same committee, leave to withdraw on petition of the register of deeds for Dukes County for increase of salary.

Trustees—testi-  
mony.

By Mr. Gardner of Palmer, from the committee on the Judiciary, leave to withdraw on petition of John McCutcheon and others relative to the testimony of trustees under the trustee process.

Husband and  
wife.

By the same gentleman, from the same committee, inexpedient to legislate on an Order relative to repealing or amending chapter 184 of the Acts of 1874, being an Act in relation to the rights of husband and wife.

Selectmen's rec-  
ords.

By Mr. Morse of Boston, from the same committee, inexpedient to legislate on petition of Mark Allen and others, for a law securing to the people the right to inspect the records of the selectmen in their several towns, and the Order relative to extending the provisions of section 10

of chapter 29 of the General Statutes, in relation to the same.

By the same gentleman, from the same committee, leave E. D. Jordan. to withdraw on petition of Eben D. Jordan, for an Act to authorize him to sue the Commissioners on Public Lands.

Severally read and placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

By Mr. Gardner of Palmer, from the committee on the Judiciary, that the Bill (on leave) relating to the conditional sale and leasing of personal property ought not to pass. Condition sale and lease.

By Mr. Heywood of Concord, from the same committee, that the Bill in relation to special coroners ought not to pass. Special coroners.

By Mr. Morse of Boston, from the same committee, that the Bill concerning the custody of original papers by registers of deeds ought not to pass. Custody of papers.

Severally placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow, the question in each case being on rejection.

By Mr. Pierce of Milton, from the committee on the Judiciary, on an Order, a Bill to increase the salary of the sheriff of the county of Bristol. Sheriff of Bristol County.

By Mr. Stone of Northampton, from the committee on Education, on an Order, a Bill to amend an Act relative to the education of deaf-mutes. Deaf-mutes.

By Mr. White of Williamstown, from the same committee, on an Order, a Bill to amend chapter 248 of the Acts of 1870, relating to free instruction in drawing. Drawing.

Severally read and ordered to a second reading.

By Mr. Cushing of Cambridge, from the committee on Finance, that the Resolve in favor of Edward Archibald and Percy Archibald ought to pass with an amendment. Archibald.

By Mr. Kimball of Boston, from the same committee, that the Bill authorizing improvements at the state prison, and for other purposes, ought to pass. New prison.

Severally placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow for a second reading.

### *Papers from the Senate.*

A memorial of the National Prison Association of the United States, was referred in concurrence to the committee on Prisons. National Prison Association.

**J. P. Buckland.** The report of the committee on State Salaries and Expenditures, leave to withdraw on petition of Joseph P. Buckland, standing justice of the police court of Holyoke, for increase of salary, was accepted in concurrence, under suspension of the rule.

**E. Crane et als.** *Ordered*, In concurrence, that the joint special committee to whom was referred the petition of Edward Crane and others, in relation to the Boston and Chicago Railway Trust Company, have authority to send for persons and papers.

**Worcester park.** A Bill to extend the time authorizing the city of Worcester to lay out a public park, and to establish and maintain a reservoir, passed to be engrossed by the Senate, was read and referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

#### Bills :

**Fitchburg Street Railway.** To extend the time for building the Fitchburg Street Railway, and for other purposes ; and

**Westfield.** Concerning sewerage and drainage in the town of Westfield ;

Introduced on leave in the Senate, were severally read and referred, in non-concurrence in suspension of the 20th joint rule, to the next General Court.

#### *Orders of the Day.*

**Orders of the day.**

#### Reports :

Of the committee on Fisheries, leave to withdraw on the petition of Allen H. Ingalls and others, that the shad and alewife fisheries in Taunton Great River may be made free ;

Of the committee on Banks and Banking, inexpedient to legislate on the Order relative to the taxation of deposits in trust companies ; and

Of the joint committee on Printing, that the Order relative to binding one thousand copies of the report of the Commissioners on Taxation and Exemption therefrom ought to be adopted ;

Were severally accepted in concurrence, and the order referred to in the last report was adopted.

#### Reports :

Of the committee on Agriculture, inexpedient to legislate on an Order relative to amending the laws relating to dogs ;

Of the committee on Fisheries, leave to withdraw on the petition of the selectmen of Truro, asking to control the fishery at Wilder's Bridge, in said town; also

On petitions of the Massachusetts Anglers' Association, and of G. C. Whiting and others, for the protection of lobsters;

Of the committee on Agriculture, leave to withdraw on petition of B. N. Bullock of Leicester, for a law for the protection of fowls;

Of the committee on Railroads, no legislation necessary on an Order relative to amending the laws relating to the transfer of freight from one railroad to another;

Of the committee on Prisons, inexpedient to legislate on an Order relative to abolishing the office of the overseers of houses of correction;

Were severally accepted and sent up for concurrence.

**Bills:**

To amend the charter of the city of Newburyport;

To change the name of the Fourth Congregational Society of Springfield, and to legalize certain acts of said society; and

**Resolves:**

To authorize the publication of a list of Massachusetts officers and sailors who served in the navy in the late civil war (amended on motions of Messrs. Churchill and Kimball of Boston, Cummings of Somerville, and White of Williamstown);

For the reimbursement of certain taxes overpaid by insurance agents;

In favor of the Massachusetts School for Idiotic and Feeble-Minded Youth;

In favor of Peter Powers;

To furnish certain documents and standard weights and measures to the town of South Abington;

In favor of Charles W. Baxter; and

In favor of the town of Melrose;

Were severally read and ordered to a third reading.

The Resolve in favor of the Disabled Soldiers' Employment Bureau was rejected, as recommended by the committee on Finance.

The Resolution in relation to the action of the United States troops in Louisiana (see House Doc. No. 152) was amended on motion of Mr. Long of Hingham, and indefinitely postponed on motion of Mr. Knox of Lawrence.

The Bill to incorporate the Massachusetts Family Bank was read, and, on motion of Mr. Pope of Boston, referred to the committee on Banks and Banking.

Sent up for concurrence.

The Bill fixing the compensation of members of the legislature was read and rejected.

The Bill to change the name of the Society of Boston and Vicinity for the Aid of German Immigrants was read and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

The motion of Mr. Ropes of Boston to reconsider the vote whereby the House accepted the report of the committee on the Labor Question, on the expediency of abolishing the Bureau of Statistics of Labor, was lost.

The Bill to regulate the sale of intoxicating liquors was further considered.

The amendment moved by Mr. Perkins of Boston was adopted. On motion of Mr. Boynton of Westborough, the yeas and nays were ordered on the main question, and the roll being called the bill was passed to be engrossed by a vote of 120 yeas to 81 nays, as follows:—

## YEAS.

Messrs. James Abbe,  
Ebenezer Adams,  
Stephen M. Allen,  
Andrew Athy,  
Michael Atkinson,  
Amasa W. Bailey,  
Giles G. Barker,  
T. D. Beach,  
James Bergin,  
John H. Blake,  
Stephen F. Blaney,  
Horace L. Bowker,  
Selwyn Z. Bowman,  
Osgood Bradley, Jr.,  
Wm. E. Bridgman,  
Wm. E. Bright,  
Samuel R. Brintnall,  
James H. Carleton,  
Michael Carney,  
Gardner A. Churchill,  
Charles R. Codman,  
Patrick Collins,  
Austin H. Connell,  
Owen Coogan,

Messrs. F. S. Coolidge,  
A. M. Copeland,  
J. W. Coveney,  
Wm. D. Curtis,  
Levi L. Cushing, Jr.,  
Benjamin F. Davis,  
Jacob W. Davis,  
Neil Doherty,  
James W. Dwyer,  
Thomas F. Fitz Gerald,  
Samuel Flower,  
William Frost,  
Henry W. Fuller,  
Charles L. Gardner,  
Albert W. Gaskill,  
James W. Gaylord,  
Emerson Geer,  
Edward E. Gibbs,  
Charles H. Greene,  
Daniel G. Green,  
Charles Hale,  
Nicholas Hatheway,  
Nathan M. Hawkes,  
George Heywood,

Messrs. Moses B. Heywood,  
James E. Hill,  
Joseph W. Hill,  
William A. Hodges,  
Salmon D. Hood,  
Francis M. Hughes,  
Henry L. James,  
Thomas Johnson,  
George W. Jones,  
Philo Keith,  
Wm. Keith,  
Wm. S. King,  
Geo. P. Kingsley,  
Joel Knapp,  
Wm. S. Knox,  
Daniel W. Lawrence,  
John B. Le Baron,  
George T. Lincoln,  
James L. Locke,  
John B. Martin,  
William Martin,  
James A. McDonald,  
John J. McNutt,  
John T. Morse,  
Frederick P. Moseley,  
W. Stanley Newhall,  
Daniel Noonan,  
Charles S. Osgood,  
Chas. M. Peirce, Jr.,  
William E. Perkins,  
James Pierce,  
Thomas F. Plunkett,  
Richard Pope,  
Isaac Pratt, Jr.,  
Albert E. Rice,  
Jonathan C. Richmond,

Messrs. Wallace F. Robinson,  
Joseph S. Ropes,  
Nath'l J. Rust,  
John Sanborn,  
Edward Sanderson,  
Charles B. Sanford,  
Cyrus Savage,  
Ebenezer Sawyer,  
Nathaniel Seaver,  
John M. Seeley,  
Charles L. Shaw,  
Frederic P. Shaw,  
Albert Smith,  
Edward F. Smith,  
John L. Smith,  
Richard H. Stearns,  
Isaac Stebbins,  
John C. Stimpson,  
Isaac Stone,  
Dan'l J. Sweeney,  
Samuel Talbot, Jr.,  
Leonard A. Thayer,  
Wm. A. Thompson,  
Daniel H. Thurston,  
Dexter A. Tompkins,  
Byron Truell,  
Artemas S. Tyler,  
Cranmore N. Wallace,  
Felix G. Whitney,  
Henry M. Wilcox,  
E. Crosby Willard,  
Moses Williams, Jr.,  
William Winn,  
John H. Woodbury,  
Wm. Woods,  
Walter Wyman.

Boston,

NAYS.

Messrs. Samuel Allen,  
John J. Babson,  
Daniel D. Bailey,  
Cyrus F. Baker,  
John I. Baker,  
Joseph H. Baker,  
John H. Bell,  
Wm. H. Bent,  
John Best,  
John C. Bickford,  
William E. Blunt,

Messrs. Reuben Boynton,  
Wilbur F. Brigham,  
Charles M. Brown,  
Isaac T. Burr,  
Isaiah Churchill,  
A. B. Coffin,  
Augustine P. Cook,  
Lowell Coolidge,  
John A. Cummings,  
Epes Davis,  
Lewis Day,

Messrs. George W. Dyer,  
 Edwin Ellis,  
 John B. Fairbanks,  
 Luther Fisk,  
 Alpheus Fobes,  
 Joseph Fobes,  
 Benjamin Gifford,  
 Levi L. Goodspeed,  
 Elbridge H. Goss,  
 Thomas T. Griggs,  
 Dexter Grose,  
 George Hall,  
 Solomon E. Hallett,  
 David E. Harding,  
 William A. Haskell,  
 George Haven,  
 Samuel R. Heywood,  
 Beriah T. Hillman,  
 E. Everett Holbrook,  
 Amos B. Holden,  
 Daniel P. Hopkinson,  
 Frederick G. Howes,  
 Edward Kendall,  
 Moses Kimball,  
 Benj. F. Leighton,  
 Daniel J. Lewis,  
 John D. Long,  
 Edward S. May,  
 Samuel May,  
 Wm. B. Merrill,

Messrs. Clement Meserve,  
 Henry S. Miner,  
 Geo. L. Newton,  
 Edward W. Noble,  
 Isaac N. Nutter,  
 Harrison D. Packard,  
 Chas. H. Pew, 2d,  
 Stephen C. Phinney,  
 Edward L. Pierce,  
 Alanson B. Pomeroy,  
 Willard Putnam,  
 Joshua C. Robinson,  
 John L. Robinson,  
 Charles A. Rogers,  
 Cyrus K. Russell,  
 John S. Ryder,  
 Isaiah A. Small,  
 George D. Smalley,  
 Abraham H. Smith,  
 Lafayette Stevens,  
 George H. Torrey,  
 Enoch H. Towne,  
 Edmond M. Vincent,  
 George M. Warren,  
 Austin C. Wellington,  
 Joseph White,  
 Wilbur F. Whitney,  
 Nathan M. Wood,  
 John H. Woodbury,  
 Beverly.

Yeas, 120 ; nays, 81.

The Bill to incorporate the Wollaston Wharf and Dock Company was read. Pending the question of its engrossment, the House, at 5.20,  
 Adjourned.

THURSDAY, March 18, 1875.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer was offered by the Chaplain.

*Petitions Presented.*

Roger Williams. By Mr. Lincoln of Sturbridge, petition of Rev. T. M. Merriman and others of Sturbridge, for an Act to revoke the sentence of banishment passed against Roger Williams

by the General Court of Massachusetts Bay, in 1635. Referred, under an order of the House, to the next General Court.

*Bills Enacted.*

Engrossed bills :

Bills enacted.

Relating to the Collateral Loan Company ; and

In addition to an Act to supply the city of Lawrence with water ;

(Which severally originated in the House ;)

Were passed to be enacted, signed, and sent to the Senate.

*Order.*

On motion of Mr. Wellington of Cambridge,—

*Ordered*, That the committee on Military Affairs be given authority to send for persons and papers, in furtherance of an investigation as suggested by His Excellency the Governor in his address, in reference to military organizations.

Military organizations.

*Reconsidered.*

On motion of Mr. Pierce of Milton, the vote whereby the House yesterday rejected the Resolve in aid of the Disabled Soldiers' Employment Bureau was reconsidered, the rejection was negatived, and the resolve was placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow for a second reading.

Disabled Soldiers' Employment Bureau.

On motion of Mr. Stone of Northampton, the vote whereby the petition of B. F. Prouty was yesterday referred to the next General Court, was reconsidered, and the petition was referred to the committee on Claims, and sent up for concurrence.

B. F. Prouty.

On motion of Mr. Flower of Agawam, the vote whereby the Senate Bill concerning sewerage and drainage in the town of Westfield was referred in non-concurrence to the next General Court, was reconsidered, and the bill was referred in concurrence, under suspension of the 20th joint rule, to the committee on Water Supply and Drainage.

Westfield.

*Papers from the Senate.*

Petitions of Nash, French & Co. and others, and of Mann, Bowers & Sawyer and others, in aid of petition of Edward Crane and others, for an Act to incorporate the Boston and Chicago Railway Trust Company, were

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severally referred, in concurrence, to the joint special committee on petition of Edward Crane and associates.

**Wamsutta Mills.** The petition of the president and directors of the Wamsutta Mills in New Bedford, for leave to increase its capital stock, was referred, in concurrence, under suspension of the 20th joint rule, to the committee on Manufactures.

**Probate courts.** A Bill to extend the jurisdiction of probate courts, passed to be engrossed by the Senate, was read and referred to the committee on Probate and Chancery.

**Middleborough.** A Resolve in favor of the town of Middleborough, passed to be engrossed by the Senate, was read and referred, in course, to the committee on Finance.

### *Reports of Committees.*

**Harbor Commissioners.** By Mr. Rogers of Chelsea, from the committee on Harbors, that no legislation is necessary on the ninth annual report of the Harbor Commissioners. Accepted, under suspension of the rule, and sent up for concurrence.

**Anna Coleman.** Mr. Cummings of Somerville, from the committee on Claims, on the petition of Anna Coleman, for the refunding to her of certain moneys from the state treasury, a Resolve in favor of Anna Coleman. Read and referred, in course, to the committee on Finance.

**Corporation returns.** By Mr. James of Williamsburg, from the committee on Manufactures, inexpedient to legislate on an Order relative to the repeal of so much of chapter 224, section 59, Acts of 1870, as relates to the payment of fees to the Secretary of the Commonwealth for making annual returns of corporations.

**Fifty-fourth regiment.** By Mr. King of Boston, from the joint special committee on the Order relative to the flag of the fifty-fourth regiment Massachusetts volunteers, the following

**RESOLUTION** concerning the Flag of the Fifty-Fourth Regiment of Massachusetts Volunteers.

*Resolved*, That His Excellency the Governor be requested to make suitable acknowledgment of the receipt of the flag of the fifty-fourth regiment of Massachusetts volunteers, and to cause the same to be placed with the battle-flags of the Massachusetts regiments in the Doric Hall.

Severally read and placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

By Mr. Hill of Boston, from the committee on Prisons,

on report of the Prison Commissioners, a Resolve in relation to the examination of punishment cells in the prisons of the Commonwealth. Punishment cells.

By Mr. Savery of Wareham, from the committee on Harbors, on an Order, a Resolve concerning the establishment of piers instead of buoys in the bays of Cape Cod, Gurnet Head and Duxbury and Kingston bays. Piers.

By Mr. Wellington of Cambridge, from the committee on Military Affairs, on petition of the city of Cambridge, a Resolve granting certain pieces of ordnance to the city of Cambridge. Cambridge—  
ordnance.

By Mr. Stevens of Worthington, from the committee on Parishes and Religious Societies, on petition of that society, a Bill to authorize the Evangelical Congregational Society in East Cambridge to sell land and other property of the society, and to appropriate the proceeds of the sale. Evangelical  
Congregational  
Society, East  
Cambridge.

By Mr. Coolidge of Sherborn, from the same committee, on petition of Joseph Dix and others, a Bill to change the name of the Third Unitarian Society in Dorchester. Third Unitarian  
Society, Dor-  
chester.

By Mr. May of Lee, from the committee on Public Charitable Institutions, on report of the Board of State Charities, a Bill concerning the annual return of persons supported and relieved. Persons sup-  
ported and re-  
lieved.

By Mr. Peirce of New Bedford, from the same committee, on same, a Bill concerning public vaccination. Vaccination.

By Mr. Heywood of Concord, from the committee on the Judiciary, on petition of J. Spencer Drayton and others, a Bill to revive the Union Mutual Loan Fund Association for certain purposes. Union Mutual  
Loan Fund  
Association.

By Mr. Pierce of Milton, from the same committee, on a bill introduced on leave, a Bill relating to the civil jurisdiction of the municipal courts of the city of Boston. Boston munici-  
pal courts.

By Mr. Johnson of Nahant, from the committee on the Fisheries, on petition of Charles A. Litchfield and others, a Resolve relating to the fisheries on North River and its tributaries. North River.

By Mr. Babson of Gloucester, from the committee on Banks and Banking, on petition of E. A. Spaulding, a Bill to incorporate the Ayer Savings Bank. Ayer Savings  
Bank.

By Mr. Bright of Waltham, from the committee on Mercantile Affairs, on petition of the town of Waltham, a Bill to authorize the town of Waltham to raise additional funds to complete its water works. Waltham.

Severally read and ordered to a second reading.

*Orders of the Day.*

Orders of the  
day.

**Reports :**

Of the committee on Mercantile Affairs, leave to withdraw on petition of Edmund Kemble, for incorporation of the Boston and Charleston Steamship Company ;

Of committee on Education, inexpedient to legislate on an Order relative to purchasing copies of the "American Naturalist," for distribution among the public schools of the State ;

Of the committee on Public Charitable Institutions, leave to withdraw on petition of the Inspectors of the State Primary School at Monson, for leave to apply unexpended funds for the purchase of land and for improvements ;

Of the committee on State Salaries and Expenditures, inexpedient to legislate on an Order relative to the increase of salary of the Judge of Probate of Dukes County ; and

Of the same committee, inexpedient to legislate on an Order relative to the increase of salary of the Register of Probate for Dukes County ;

Were severally accepted, and sent up for concurrence.

**Reports :**

Of the committee on the Judiciary, leave to withdraw on petition of John McCutcheon and others relative to the testimony of trustees under the trustee process ; also

On petition of Eben D. Jordan, for an Act to authorize him to sue the Commissioners on Public Lands ;

Inexpedient to legislate on an Order relative to repeal or amendment of chapter 184 of the Acts of 1874, relating to husband and wife ; and

Inexpedient to legislate on petition of Mark Allen and others, for a law securing to the people the right to inspect the records of the selectmen in their several towns ; and the Order relative to extending the provisions of section 10 of chapter 29 of the General Statutes relating to the same subject ; and

Of the committee on Finance, leave to withdraw on petition of the Lehigh and Easton Railroad Company, "that the State will guarantee by indorsement of their first mortgage bonds to the extent of five million dollars" ;

Were severally accepted.

**Bills :**

To amend an Act relative to the education of deaf-mutes ; and

To amend chapter 248 of the Acts of 1870 relating to free instruction in drawing ; and

**Resolves :**

To provide compensation for obtaining the census and industrial statistics of the Commonwealth for the year 1875 (amended on motion of Mr. Osgood of Salem) ; and

In favor of Edward Archibald and Percy Archibald (amended as recommended by the committee on Finance) ;

Were severally read and ordered to a third reading.

**Bills :**

Concerning the custody of original papers by registers of deeds ;

In relation to special coroners ; and

Relating to conditional sale and leases of personal property ;

Were severally rejected, as recommended by the committee on the Judiciary.

**Resolves :**

To authorize the publication of a list of Massachusetts officers, sailors and marines who served in the navy in the late civil war ;

For the reimbursement of certain taxes overpaid by insurance agents ;

In favor of the Massachusetts School for Idiotic and Feeble-Minded Youth ;

In favor of Peter Powers ;

To furnish certain documents and standard weights and measures to the town of South Abington ; and

In favor of the town of Melrose ;

Were severally read, passed to be engrossed, and sent up for concurrence.

A Resolve in favor of Charles W. Baxter was read and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

**Bills :**

To amend the charter of the city of Newburyport ; and

To change the name of the Fourth Congregational Society of Springfield, and to legalize certain acts of said society ;

Were severally read, passed to be engrossed, and sent up for concurrence.

The Bill to provide for the taking of the decennial census in the city of Boston was further considered. Amendments moved by Mr. Kimball of Boston were adopted, and pending a further amendment moved by the same gentleman, the further consideration of the bill was postponed until to-morrow.

The Bill to incorporate the Wollaston Wharf and Dock Company was further considered and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

The Bill in relation to the overseers of the poor in the city of Boston was read and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

The Bill to amend section 1 of chapter 179 of the Acts of the year 1874, entitled "An Act to establish the Boston Water Board," was read, amended on motion of Mr. Hale of Boston by substituting therefor a Bill to establish the Boston Water Board, and, as amended, was passed to be engrossed in concurrence, and sent up for concurrence in the amendment.

The Bill authorizing improvements at the State Prison, and for other purposes, was read, and its further consideration postponed until to-morrow.

At 4.20, the House  
Adjourned.

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FRIDAY, March 19, 1875.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer was offered by the Chaplain.

*Petitions Presented.*

New county.

By Mr. Whitney of Ashburnham, remonstrance of Newton Hayden and 233 others of Ashburnham, and of N. D. White and 55 others of Winchendon, severally against the division of Worcester County. Referred to the joint special committee on Division of Worcester County.

Turner's Falls  
Bridge.

By Mr. Jones of Deerfield, petition of Roswell Purple and 135 others, in aid of the petition of A. W. Stevens, for a free bridge at Turner's Falls. Referred to the committee on Roads and Bridges.

Severally sent up for concurrence.

*Orders.*

On motion of Mr. Hillman of Chilmark,—

*Ordered*, That the committee on Fisheries be authorized to visit the fishways at Lawrence and Lowell, that they may the better accomplish the object of an Order of the House requiring them to investigate the fishways at said cities. Fishways.

Sent up for concurrence.

The following Order, offered by Mr. Hale of Boston, was laid over until to-morrow, at the request of Mr. Goss of Melrose :—

*Ordered*, That the Order of the House of the 17th inst. be rescinded, and in lieu thereof the following be adopted : That in case of any new business hereafter introduced which is referred to a committee, if the committee shall be of the opinion that the consideration thereof in committee or in the House will occupy more time than can be spared at this period of the session, the committee shall report reference to the next General Court, and such report shall be accepted without question or debate. New business.

*Papers from the Senate.*

A Bill authorizing the town of Burlington to commemorate the battle of Lexington, passed to be engrossed by the Senate, took its several readings under suspension of the rules, and was passed to be engrossed in concurrence. Burlington.

*Reports :*

Of the committee on Prisons, leave to withdraw on petition of John F. Augustus and others, concerning prisons and prisoners; Prisons and prisoners.

Of the committee on State Salaries and Expenditures, leave to withdraw on petition of Melvin O. Adams, clerk for the district-attorney of Suffolk County, for an increase of salary; and M. O. Adams.

Of the committee on Fisheries, inexpedient to legislate on an Order relative to the protection of useful fishes; Useful fishes.

Were severally read and placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

The petition of the First Parish in Rowley, for leave to sell real estate, was referred in concurrence, under suspension of the 20th joint rule, to the committee on Parishes and Religious Societies. First Parish—Rowley.

E. Crane et al.

The petition of William M. Newhall and others of Lynn, for the passage of an Act to incorporate the Boston and Chicago Railway Trust Company, was referred in concurrence to the committee on Petition of Edward Crane and Associates.

The following Order, adopted by the Senate, was referred, under an Order of the House, to the next General Court:—

Religious wor-  
ship in prisons,  
etc.

*Ordered*, That the committee on Parishes and Religious Societies inquire into the expediency of such legislation as shall provide that no inmate of any almshouse in this State, and no person held in confinement or custody in any jail, prison, public or other reformatory institution in this State, shall be denied the consolation of his religion, or be prevented from the free exercise of his religious belief and form of worshipping God according to the dictates of his conscience, within said almshouses and places of confinement; and it shall be the duty of the sheriffs of counties, the inspectors of prisons, and trustees, directors and managers of reformatory institutions and almshouses, to establish such rules and regulations in the jails, prisons, almshouses and institutions under their care or direction, as may be necessary in the matter to carry out the intent of this order so far as needful for the good government, order and safe custody of its inmates.

#### *Reports of Committees.*

National Prison  
Association.

By Mr. Robinson of Falmouth, from the committee on Prisons, no legislation necessary on memorial of the National Prison Association of the United States, looking to a revision of the penal and prison codes of the several States of the American Union.

Milford and  
Woonsocket  
Railroad.

By Mr. Frost of Boston, from the committee on Railroads, leave to withdraw on petition of the directors of the Milford and Woonsocket Railroad, for extension of time to extend their railroad.

Severally read and placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

Executors, etc.

By Mr. Meserve of Hopkinton, from the committee on Probate and Chancery, that the Bill to authorize judges of probate and insolvency to be executors, guardians or trustees, in certain cases, ought not to pass.

Placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow. Question on rejection.

By Mr. Codman of Boston, from the committee on the Judiciary, that the Bill to amend chapter 42 of the Acts of the year 1871, relating to bonds in bastardy cases, ought to pass. Bonds in bastardy cases.

Placed in the orders of the day for a second reading to-morrow.

By Mr. Sawyer of Methuen, from the committee on Water Supply and Drainage, on petition of a committee of the town of Southbridge, a Bill to supply the town of Southbridge with pure water. Southbridge.

By Mr. White of Williamstown, from the committee on Education, on report of the Board of Education, a Bill to amend chapter 303 of the Acts of 1874 relating to school registers and returns. School registers and returns.

By Mr. Phillips of Salem, from the committee on Railroads, on report of the Railroad Commissioners, a Bill authorizing the construction of branches and extensions by railroad corporations. Extensions of railroads.

By Mr. Pope of Boston, from the committee on Insurance, on an Order, a Bill to amend section 1, chapter 222 of the Acts of 1874, relating to dividends of joint stock fire and marine insurance companies. Insurance dividends.

By Mr. Pierce of Milton, from the committee on the Judiciary, on an Order, a Bill relating to limited partnerships. Limited partnerships.

Severally read and ordered to a second reading.

### *Orders of the Day.*

The report of the committee on Manufactures, inexpedient to legislate on an Order relating to fees paid to the Secretary of the Commonwealth for making annual returns of corporations, was accepted, and sent up for concurrence. Orders of the day.

The Bill to provide for the taking of the decennial census in the city of Boston was further considered, and the amendment moved by Mr. Kimball of Boston was withdrawn. An amendment, moved by Mr. Osgood of Salem, was adopted, and the bill ordered to a third reading.

#### Bills :

Relating to the civil jurisdiction of the municipal courts of the city of Boston ;

To change the name of the Third Unitarian Society in Dorchester ;

To incorporate the Ayer Savings Bank ; and



To authorize the town of Waltham to raise additional funds to complete its water works ; and

Resolves :

Concerning the establishment of piers instead of buoys in the bays of Cape Cod, Gurnet Head and Duxbury and Kingston bays ;

Granting certain pieces of ordnance to the city of Cambridge ; and

Relating to the fisheries on North River and its tributaries ;

Were severally read and ordered to a third reading.

The Resolve in relation to the examination of punishment cells in the prisons of the Commonwealth was read a second time, amended on motion of Messrs. Hale of Boston and Pierce of Malden, and indefinitely postponed.

Resolves :

To provide compensation for obtaining the census and industrial statistics of the Commonwealth for the year 1875 ; and

In favor of Edward Archibald and Percy Archibald ;

Were severally read, passed to be engrossed, and sent up for concurrence.

The Bill authorizing improvements at the State Prison, and for other purposes, was read a second time, and, after debate, was, on motion of Mr. Coffin of Winchester, postponed for further consideration until Tuesday next.

At 5.05, the House

Adjourned.

SATURDAY, March 20, 1875.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer was offered by the Chaplain.

Religious worship in prisons, etc.

A motion, made by Mr. Hill of Boston, to reconsider the reference to the next General Court of the Senate Order relative to religious worship in prisons and other institutions, was lost.

#### *Reports of Committees.*

Watertown and Newton.

By Mr. Harding of Mansfield, from the committee on Towns, leave to withdraw on petition of Cornelius Walker

and others, for a change of boundary between Watertown and Newton, and petitions in aid of the same.

By Mr. Mahony of Boston, from the committee on Printing, that the Order relative to printing three thousand additional copies of the report of the Commissioners on Taxation and Exemption therefrom, ought not to be adopted. Taxation Commissioners.

Severally read and placed in the orders of the day for Monday.

By Mr. Kimball of Boston, from the joint committee on Expenditures, on the report of the Commissioners on the State House, and the auditor's statement of expenses incurred in painting and repairing the State House, a Resolve authorizing the payment of certain expenditures on the State House. Read and ordered to a second reading, under a suspension of the 42d rule. Repairs of State House.

By Mr. Allen of Duxbury, from the committee on Towns, that the Bill to authorize the town of Arlington to raise money for a centennial celebration of the events of the nineteenth day of April, 1775, ought to pass. Placed in the orders of the day for a second reading Monday. Arlington.

By Mr. Hawkes of Lynn, from the committee on Mercantile Affairs, on petition of Frank N. Thayer and others, a Bill to incorporate the Boston Navigation Company. Read and ordered to a second reading. Boston Navigation Co.

*Papers from the Senate.*

**Bills :**

To change the name of "The Wardens, Vestry and Proprietors of Christ Church in Springfield," and for other purposes ; Christ Church.

To authorize the dissolution of the Second Congregational Society in Medford, and for other purposes ; and Second Congregational Society, Medford.

In addition to an Act to incorporate Ohabei Shalom ; Ohabei Shalom.

Severally passed to be engrossed by the Senate, were read, and ordered to a second reading.

**Bills :**

To authorize the town of Plymouth to establish a sinking fund to meet the loan made to pay for its stock in the Duxbury and Cohasset Railroad Company ; and Plymouth.

To amend chapter 415 of the Acts of the year 1869, concerning the manufacture and sale of intoxicating liquors ; Liquor law, 1869.

Severally passed to be engrossed by the Senate, were read and referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

The following Order, adopted by the Senate, was read and referred to the joint special committee provided for by order of the House of this date relative to close of the session :—

Extension of  
time of com-  
mittees.

*Ordered*, That further time, until the 10th of April next, be allowed to joint committees and committees of the Senate to report on matters referred to them.

Sent up for concurrence.

### *Bills Enacted.*

Bills enacted.

Engrossed bills :

To amend the charter of the city of Lynn ;

(Which originated in the House ;) and

Authorizing the town of Burlington to raise money by taxation to commemorate the battle of Lexington ;

(Which originated in the Senate ;)

Were severally passed to be enacted, signed, and sent to the Senate.

### *Orders.*

On motion of Mr. Hill of Boston,—

Close of the  
session.

*Ordered*, That a joint special committee of five on the part of the House, with such as the Senate may join, be appointed to consider at what time the present session of the Legislature may be brought to a close.

Sent up for concurrence.

The Order offered by Mr. Hale of Boston, yesterday, and laid over, was amended on motion of Mr. Codman of Boston, by substituting therefor the following :—

New business.

*Ordered*, That all new business hereafter introduced shall be referred to the next General Court, unless four-fifths of the House otherwise order.

The order as amended was then adopted.

### *Orders of the Day.*

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day.

Reports :

Of the committee on State Salaries and Expenditures, leave to withdraw on petition of Melvin O. Adams, clerk for the district-attorney of Suffolk County, for an increase of salary ;

Of the committee on Prisons, leave to withdraw on petition of John F. Augustus and others, concerning prisons and prisoners ; and

Of the committee on Fisheries, inexpedient to legislate on an Order in relation to the protection of useful fishes ;  
Were severally accepted in concurrence.

**Reports :**

Of the committee on Railroads, leave to withdraw on petition of the directors of the Milford and Woonsocket Railroad Company for extension of time to extend their railroad ; and

Of the committee on Prisons, no legislation necessary on memorial of the National Prison Association of the United States, looking to a revision of the penal and prison codes of the several States of the American Union ;

Were severally accepted and sent up for concurrence.

The Resolution concerning the flag of the fifty-fourth regiment, Massachusetts Volunteers, was passed and sent up for concurrence.

The Bill to authorize the Evangelical Congregational Society in East Cambridge to sell land and other property of the society, and to appropriate the proceeds of the sale, was read, and, on motion of Mr. Hale of Boston, was referred to the committee on Probate and Chancery.

**Bills :**

To amend chapter 42 of the Acts of the year 1871, relating to bonds in bastardy cases ;

To revive the Union Mutual Loan and Fund Association, for certain purposes ;

Concerning the annual returns of persons supported and relieved ;

Concerning public vaccination (amended on motion of Messrs. Churchill and Carney of Boston, and Long of Hingham) ; and

To amend section 1, chapter 222 of the Acts of 1874, relating to dividends of joint stock fire and marine insurance companies ;

Were severally read and ordered to a third reading.

**Bills :**

To change the name of the Third Unitarian Society in Dorchester ; and

To authorize the town of Waltham to raise additional funds to complete its water works ; and

**Resolves :**

Concerning the establishment of piers instead of buoys

in the bays of Cape Cod, Gurnet Head and Duxbury and Kingston bays ; and

Granting certain pieces of ordnance to the city of Cambridge ;

Were severally read, passed to be engrossed and sent up for concurrence.

At 1.35, the House  
Adjourned.

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MONDAY, March 22, 1875.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer was offered by the Chaplain.

*Petitions Presented.*

Somerville  
burial-place.

By Mr. Cummings of Somerville, petition of the city of Somerville for authority to establish a burial-place. Referred, under suspension of the 20th joint rule, to the committee on Towns.

Turner's Falls  
Bridge.

By Mr. Green of Northfield, remonstrance of the selectmen of the towns of Sunderland and Deerfield against a free bridge at Turner's Falls. Referred to the committee on Roads and Bridges.

Severally sent up for concurrence.

Haverhill—  
charter.

By Mr. Leighton of Haverhill, petition of the mayor of Haverhill for an amendment of the charter of said city. Referred, under suspension of the 20th joint rule, to the committee on the Judiciary, and sent up for concurrence in suspension of the rule.

*Orders.*

Deeds.

On motion of Mr. Codman of Boston,—

*Ordered*, That the committee on the Judiciary consider and report whether any legislation is necessary concerning the acknowledgment of deeds in foreign countries.

Extension of  
time of commit-  
tees.

On motion of Mr. Hillman of Chilmark,—

*Ordered*, That the committees of the House, and joint committees, have until the 27th inst. in which to make report on matters referred to them.

Sent up for concurrence in so much as relates to joint committees.

Hoosac Tunnel.

On motion of Mr. Hale of Boston, the consideration of the engrossed Bill to provide for the management of the

Hoosac Tunnel and the Troy and Greenfield Railroad, and for other purposes, was postponed until to-morrow. The same gentleman gave notice that he should call for the yeas and nays on the question of its enactment.

*Papers from the Senate.*

Reports, leave to withdraw :

Of the committee on Prisons, on petition of J. H. Roberts and others, for investigation in regard to discipline and management of East Cambridge Jail and House of Correction ;

East Cambridge Jail and House of Correction.

Of the committee on the Labor Question, on petition of Edwin M. Chamberlain, relative to the employment of women and children in factories, and also for the appointment of factory inspectors ; and

Women and children in factories, etc.

Of the committee on Harbors, on petition of Charles Soule and others, for the preservation of Green Harbor, in the town of Marshfield ;

Green Harbor.

Were severally read and placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

A Bill to change the name of the First Universalist Society of Dedham, passed to be engrossed by the Senate, was read and ordered to a second reading.

First Universalist Society, Dedham.

*Reports of Committees.*

By Mr. Thurston of Cambridge, from the committee on Harbors, leave to withdraw on petition of the Mystic River Corporation for authority to extend its central dock, and for other purposes.

Mystic River Corporation.

By Mr. Fisk of Dennis, from the committee on Claims, leave to withdraw on petition of William A. Haskell, a member of the House, for pay from the first of the session, and for expenses.

W. A. Haskell.

By the same gentleman, from the same committee, leave to withdraw on petition of Salmon D. Hood, a member of the House, for pay from the first of the session, and for expenses.

S. D. Hood.

By the same gentleman, from the same committee, leave to withdraw on petition of Frederic P. Shaw, a member of the House, for pay from the first of the session, and for expenses.

F. P. Shaw.

By Mr. Rankin of Boston, from the committee on Printing, on the statement from the auditor relative to the amount expended for printing and binding in the year 1874, recom-

State Printing.

mending that the Secretary of the Commonwealth have general supervision of all state printing during the legislative recess, and that he make report thereon to the legislature in January each year.

Severally read and placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

G. Davis.

By Mr. Allen of Walpole, from the committee on Claims, on petition, a Resolve in favor of Georgianna Davis, guardian to Clara E. Attleton.

Worcester Lunatic Hospital.

By Mr. Carleton of Haverhill, from the committee on Public Charitable Institutions, on petition of the trustees of that institution, a Resolve in relation to the State Lunatic Hospital at Worcester.

State Survey.

By Mr. White of Williamstown, from the committee on Education, on a memorial of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences, and memorials in aid of same, a Bill providing for a survey of the Commonwealth.

Severally read and referred, in course, to committee on Finance.

Winchester—water.

By Mr. Lawrence of Medford, from the committee on Water Supply and Drainage, on petition of the water commissioners of Winchester, a Bill in addition to and amendatory of an Act to supply the town of Winchester with pure water.

Swansea—shell-fisheries.

By Mr. Johnson of Nahant, from the committee on the Fisheries, on an Order, a Bill concerning the shell-fisheries in the town of Swansea.

Severally read and ordered to a second reading.

### *Bills Enacted.*

Bills enacted.

Engrossed bills :

To change the name of the Society of Boston and Vicinity for the aid of German Immigrants ;

To incorporate the Wollaston Wharf and Dock Company ; and

In relation to the Overseers of the Poor in the city of Boston ;

(Which severally originated in the Senate ;)

Were severally passed to be enacted, signed, and sent to the Senate.

### *Orders of the Day.*

Orders of the day.

The report of the committee on Towns, leave to withdraw on petition of Cornelius Walker and others for a change of boundary between Watertown and Newton, and peti-

tions in aid of the same, was accepted, and sent up for concurrence.

The report of the committee on Printing, that the Order relative to printing 3,000 additional copies of the report of the Commissioners on Taxation and Exemption therefrom, ought not to be adopted, was accepted, and the order was rejected.

The Bill to authorize judges of probate and insolvency to be executors, guardians or trustees in certain cases, was rejected, in accordance with the recommendation of the committee on Probate and Chancery.

The Bill to amend an Act relative to the education of deaf-mutes, was read, and, on motion of Mr. Kimball of Boston, recommitted to the committee on Education.

The Bill to supply the town of Southbridge with pure water, was read and considered. Pending the consideration of amendments moved by Mr. Kimball of Boston, the further consideration of the bill was postponed until to-morrow, on motion of Mr. May of Leicester.

**Bills :**

To increase the salary of the sheriff of the county of Bristol ;

To amend chapter 303 of the Acts of 1874, relating to school registers and returns ;

Authorizing the construction of branches and extensions by railroad corporations (amended on motion of Mr. Phillips of Salem) ;

Relating to limited partnerships (amended on motion of Mr. Hale of Boston) ;

In addition to an Act to incorporate Ohabei Shalom ;

To authorize the town of Arlington to raise money for a centennial celebration of the events of the nineteenth day of April, 1775 ;

To incorporate the Boston Navigation Company ; and a Resolve in favor of the Disabled Soldiers' Employment Bureau ;

Were severally read and ordered to a third reading.

**Bills :**

To amend chapter 248 of the Acts of 1870, relating to free instruction in drawing ;

To provide for the taking of the decennial census in the city of Boston ;

Relating to the civil jurisdiction of the municipal courts of the city of Boston ;



To incorporate the Ayer Savings Bank ;

Concerning the annual return of persons supported and relieved ;

To amend chapter 42 of the Acts of the year 1871, relating to bonds in bastardy cases ;

To amend section 1, chapter 222 of the Acts of 1874, relating to dividends of joint stock fire and marine insurance companies ; and a

Resolve relating to the fisheries on North River and its tributaries (amended on motion of Mr. Hillman of Chilmark) ;

Were severally read, passed to be engrossed, and sent up for concurrence.

The Resolve authorizing the payment of certain expenditures on the State House, was read, and, pending its consideration, the House, at 4.50,

Adjourned.

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TUESDAY, March 23, 1875.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer was offered by the Chaplain.

*Petition Presented.*

West Congrega-  
tional Church,  
Dracut.

By Mr. Hall of Dracut, petition of A. C. Varnum and others of Lowell, for change of name of the West Congregational Church and Society, formerly of Dracut. Referred under the 20th joint rule to the next General Court.

*Introduced on Leave.*

N. Y. & N. E.  
R. R. Co.

By Mr. Pierce of Milton, a Resolve relating to the advance or loan of money to the New York and New England Railroad Company. Read and referred to the committee on Finance.

*Order.*

The following Order, offered by Mr. Carney of Boston, was referred, under the rule, to the committee on Printing :—

Taxation.

*Ordered,* That 1,500 additional copies of the report of the Commissioners on Taxation and Exemption therefrom, be printed for the use of the legislature.

*Bills Enacted.*

Engrossed bills :

Bills enacted.

To authorize certain insurance companies to insure against loss by fire or lightning, without limitation of time ; and

To confirm the organization and proceedings of the Hayden Foundry and Machine Company ;

(Which severally originated in the House ;)

Were severally passed to be enacted, signed, and sent to the Senate.

An engrossed Resolve in favor of Charles W. Baxter ;

(Which originated in the Senate ;)

Was passed, signed, and sent to the Senate.

An engrossed Bill to provide for the management of the Hoosac Tunnel and the Troy and Greenfield Railroad, and for other purposes, was passed to be enacted by a vote of 175 yeas to 34 nays, the yeas and nays having been ordered on motion of Mr. Hale of Boston.

The roll being called, the vote was as follows :—

## YEAS.

Messrs. James Abbe,  
Andrew Athy,  
Michael Atkinson,  
John J. Babson,  
Amasa W. Bailey,  
Daniel D. Bailey,  
Cyrus F. Baker,  
John I. Baker,  
Joseph H. Baker,  
Giles G. Barker,  
George Beal,  
John H. Bell,  
Wm. H. Bent,  
James Bergin,  
John C. Bickford,  
John H. Blake,  
Selwyn Z. Bowman,  
Osgood Bradley, Jr.,  
Wm. E. Bridgman,  
Wilbur F. Brigham,  
Wm. E. Bright,  
Samuel R. Brintnall,  
Charles M. Brown,  
James H. Carleton,

Messrs. Michael Carney,  
William Carroll,  
William Chase,  
Gardner A. Churchill,  
Isaiah Churchill,  
Patrick Collins,  
Austin H. Connell,  
Augustine P. Cook,  
F. S. Coolidge,  
Lowell Coolidge,  
J. W. Coveney,  
Ben. C. Currier,  
Francis C. Curtis,  
William D. Curtis,  
Levi L. Cushing, Jr.,  
Epes Davis,  
Jacob W. Davis,  
Lewis Day,  
Henry Dennis, Jr.,  
Neil Doherty,  
C. W. Duggan,  
George W. Dyer,  
Edwin Ellis,  
John B. Fairbanks,

Messrs. Luther Fisk, Thomas F. Fitz Gerald, John D. Flynn, Alpheus Fobes, Joseph Fobes, Albert W. Gaskill, James W. Gaylord, Wm. M. Gaylord, Edward E. Gibbs, Benjamin Gifford, Levi L. Goodspeed, Elbridge M. Goss, Charles H. Greene, Gayton M. Hall, George Hall, Solomon E. Hallett, David E. Harding, William A. Haskell, Nathan M. Hawkes, George Heywood, Moses B. Heywood, Samuel R. Heywood, James E. Hill, Joseph W. Hill, Beriah T. Hillman, William A. Hodges, E. Everett Holbrook, Amos B. Holden, Henry T. Holmes, Salmon D. Hood, Daniel P. Hopkinson, M. M. Hovey, William B. Howard, Frederick G. Howes, Francis M. Hughes, S. A. Jacobs, Edward J. Johnson, Thomas Johnson, George W. Jones, Isaac N. Keith, Philo Keith, William Keith, Edward Kendall, William S. King, George P. Kingsley, Joel Knapp, John B. Le Baron, Benj. F. Leighton, Daniel J. Lewis, George T. Lincoln,	Messrs. Pliny T. Litchfield, James L. Locke, John D. Long, James T. Mahony, William Martin, Joseph T. Massey, Edward S. May, Samuel May, James A. McDonald, John J. McNutt, Wm. B. Merrill, Clement Meserve, Henry S. Miner, Joseph Mitchell, 2d, Frederick P. Moseley, George L. Newton, Edward W. Noble, Isaac N. Nutter, Chas. S. Osgood, Harrison D. Packard, Joseph F. Paul, Chas. M. Peirce, Jr., Chas. H. Pew, 2d, Stephen C. Phinney, James Pierce, Alanson B. Pomeroy, Richard Pope, Willard Putnam, Edward B. Rankin, George W. Reed, Albert E. Rice, Thomas Rich, J. C. Richmond, Joshua C. Robinson, John L. Robinson, Wallace F. Robinson, Charles A. Rogers, Joseph S. Ropes, Cyrus K. Russell, John Sanborn, Edward Sanderson, Charles B. Sanford, John Savery, Ebenezer Sawyer, Nathaniel Seaver, John M. Seeley, Frederick P. Shaw, Isaiah A. Small, George D. Smalley, Abraham H. Smith,
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Messrs. Albert Smith,  
Edwin A. Spaulding,  
Isaac Stebbins,  
John C. Stimpson,  
Charles A. F. Swan,  
Daniel J. Sweeney,  
Samuel Talbot, Jr.,  
Leonard A. Thayer,  
Wm. A. Thompson,  
Daniel H. Thurston,  
Dexter A. Tompkins,  
George H. Torrey,  
Enoch H. Towne,  
Byron Truell,

Messrs. Albert J. Trull,  
Artemas S. Tyler,  
Edmond M. Vincent,  
Cranmore N. Wallace,  
George M. Warren,  
Felix G. Whitney,  
Wilbur F. Whitney,  
E. Crosby Willard,  
William Winn,  
Nathan M. Wood,  
John H. Woodbury,  
William Woods,  
Walter Wyman.

**NAYS.**

Messrs. Samuel Allen,  
Stephen M. Allen,  
T. D. Beach,  
Stephen F. Blaney,  
Wm. E. Blunt,  
Frederick L. Bosworth,  
Horace L. Bowker,  
Isaac T. Burr,  
Charles R. Codman,  
Owen Coogan,  
A. M. Copeland,  
James E. Estabrook,  
Samuel Flower,  
William Frost,  
Emerson Geer,  
Thomas T. Griggs,  
Charles Hale,

Messrs. George Haven,  
Henry L. James,  
Daniel W. Lawrence,  
John B. Martin,  
John T. Morse,  
Daniel Noonan,  
Wm. E. Perkins,  
Willard P. Phillips,  
Edward L. Pierce,  
Thomas F. Plunkett,  
Isaac Pratt, Jr.,  
William W. Rice,  
Cyrus Savage,  
Charles L. Shaw,  
E. F. Smith,  
Richard H. Stearns,  
Joseph White.

Yeas, 175 ; nays, 84.

*Committee Appointed.*

The Speaker announced the following as the committee on the part of the House, on the Order relative to the close of the session :

Messrs. Hill of Boston, Copeland of Springfield, Hillman of Chilmark, Torrey of South Scituate, and Rich of Seekonk. Sent up to be joined.

*Reconsidered.*

On motion of Mr. Torrey of South Scituate, the vote whereby the House yesterday passed to be engrossed the

Resolve relating to the fisheries on North River and its tributaries, was reconsidered.

The same gentleman, pending the recurring question of engrossment, moved to amend the resolve by substituting therefor a Bill relating to the fishery in North River.

Pending the consideration of the amendment, the resolve was, on motion of Mr. Torrey, laid on the table, and the substitute ordered printed.

*Papers from the Senate.*

**E. Crane et als.** Petitions of J. C. Richardson and others; of Downie, Trainer & Co. and others; and of Hagar & Co. and others, for the passage of an Act to incorporate the Boston and Chicago Railway Trust Company, were severally referred in concurrence to the joint special committee on petition of Edward Crane and associates.

**Hawkes Brook.** A remonstrance by citizens of Lynn against the taking of Hawkes Brook in Saugus for a further water supply by the city of Lynn, was referred, in concurrence, to the committee on Water Supply and Drainage.

**Supreme and superior courts.** A Bill repealing sections 1 and 3 of chapter 248 of the Acts of the year 1874, relating to some of the rules of practice in the supreme judicial and superior courts, passed to be engrossed by the Senate, was read and referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

**Bills.** Bills:  
Relating to legal settlements; and  
Concerning the employment of prisoners sentenced to labor in houses of correction; and

A Resolve providing for the enforcement of the laws relating to the schooling and hours of labor of children employed in manufacturing and mechanical establishments;  
(Severally passed to be engrossed in the Senate;)

Were severally read and ordered to a second reading.

**Useful fishes.** A Bill to authorize the Commissioners on Inland Fisheries to occupy great ponds for the cultivation and distribution of useful fishes, introduced on leave in the Senate, was read and referred in non-concurrence, under the rule of the House, to the next General Court.

Subsequently, Mr. Hillman of Chilmark moved to suspend the rule, to allow the bill to be referred to the committee on Fisheries in concurrence, but the motion was rejected.

*Reports of Committees.*

By Mr. Whitney of Ashburnham, from the committee on Finance, that the Resolve in favor of Georgianna Davis, guardian of Clara E. Attleton, ought not to pass. G. Davis.

Placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow, the question being on its rejection.

By Mr. Williams of Brookline, from the committee on Railroads, leave to withdraw on petition of the Grafton Centre Railroad Company for leave to mortgage its property. Grafton Centre R. R. Co.

By Mr. Fairbanks of Natick, from the same committee, leave to withdraw on petition of the Fall River Railroad Company for leave to mortgage its road. Fall River R. R. Co.

By Mr. Blunt of Haverhill, from the same committee, leave to withdraw on petition of the Boston, Barre and Gardner Railroad Corporation for leave to mortgage its property. Boston, Barre and Gardner Railroad Co.

By Mr. Frost of Boston, from the same committee, leave to withdraw on petition of the Ashburnham Railroad Company for leave to mortgage its road. Ashburnham Railroad Co.

By Mr. Codman of Boston, from the committee on the Judiciary, asking to be discharged from further consideration of the petition of Priscilla Freeman for restoration of right to fish in Tisbury Great Pond, and that it be recommitted to the committee on Claims. Priscilla Freeman.

Severally read, accepted under suspension of the rule, and all but the last named sent up for concurrence.

By Mr. Pratt of Boston, from the committee on Claims, on petition of the selectmen of Beverly, a Resolve in favor of the town of Beverly. Beverly.

By Mr. Fisk of Dennis, from the same committee, on petition of George H. McAllister, a Resolve in favor of George H. McAllister, guardian of Charles W. Stephenson. George H. McAllister.

Severally read and referred in course to the committee on Finance.

By Mr. Allen of Walpole, from the committee on Claims, leave to withdraw on petition of the overseers of the poor of Ashland for compensation for the support of state paupers. Ashland.

By Mr. Lewis of Fairhaven, from the same committee, leave to withdraw on petition of the Forge Village Horse-nail Company for remission of certain taxes. Forge Village Horse-nail Co.

Game laws.

By Mr. Curtis of Lenox, from the committee on Agriculture, leave to withdraw on petition of John Boyden and others for amendment of the game laws.

Black ducks.

By Mr. Gaskill of Mendon, from the same committee, leave to withdraw on petition of Bradford Weston and others for amendment of the law in relation to the killing of black ducks.

Boston, Lynn  
and Peabody  
Railway Co.

By Mr. Fitz Gerald of Boston, from the committee on Street Railways, leave to withdraw on petition of the Boston, Lynn and Peabody Railway Company for the extension of its charter.

Newburyport  
and Amesbury  
Horse R. R. Co.

By Mr. Carney of Boston, from the same committee, leave to withdraw on petition of the Newburyport and Amesbury Horse Railroad Company for leave to issue bonds.

Lynn City Street  
R. R. Co.

By Mr. Shaw of Springfield, from the same committee, leave to withdraw on petition of the Lynn City Street Railway Company for leave to mortgage its property.

Martha's Vine-  
yard R. R. Co.

By Mr. Frost of Boston, from the committee on Railroads, leave to withdraw on petition of G. N. Collins and others, for partial exemption of the Martha's Vineyard Railroad Company from the law requiring the fencing of railroads.

Severally read and placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow

State normal  
schools.

By Mr. Kimball of Boston, from the committee on Finance, that the Resolve in favor of the normal schools at Framingham, Westfield, Bridgewater and Salem ought to pass.

Deerfield Valley  
Agr. Society.

By Mr. Blaney of Peabody, from the same committee, that the Resolve in favor of the Deerfield Valley Agricultural Society ought to pass.

Middleborough.

By Mr. Churchill of Plympton, from the same committee, that the Senate Resolve in favor of the town of Middleborough ought to pass.

Maria Gragg.

By Mr. Cushing of Cambridge, from the same committee, that the Resolve in favor of Maria Gragg ought to pass.

So. Boston Mu-  
nicipal Court.

By the same gentleman, from the same committee, that the Bill to fix the salary of clerk of the municipal court of the South Boston district ought to pass.

State library.

By the same gentleman, from the same committee, that the Senate Resolve providing for the preparation of a new catalogue of the state library ought to pass.

By Mr. Pope of Boston, from the committee on Insurance, that the Bill (on leave) in relation to the approval of the bonds of insurance agents ought to pass. Bonds of insurance agents.

Severally placed in the orders of the day for a second reading to-morrow.

By Mr. Pope of Boston, from the committee on Insurance, on petition of J. Gardner White and others, a Bill to incorporate the Fidelity Assurance Company. Fidelity Assurance Co.

By Mr. Paul of Boston, from the same committee, on petition of E. E. Hale and others, a Bill relating to the powers of associations for religious, charitable, benevolent and other like purposes. Powers of certain associations.

Severally read and ordered to a second reading.

By Mr. Phillips of Salem, from the committee on Railroads, the results of the investigation of said committee on an Order relative to contracts between the Boston and Albany Railroad Company and the Hudson River Bridge Company, and the tolls, receipts and dividends of said Bridge Company. B. & A. R. R. Co. and Hudson River Bridge Co.

Read and placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow, the report being printed as House Document No. 193.

#### *Taken from the Table.*

On motion of Mr. White of Williamstown, the Bill to amend section 16 of chapter 38 of the General Statutes, relative to the election of school committees in towns, was taken from the table and placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow. Election of school committees.

#### *Orders of the Day.*

The further consideration of the Resolve authorizing the payment of certain expenditures on the State House was, on motion of Mr. Perkins of Boston, postponed until to-morrow. Orders of the day.

The report of the committee on Printing, on the statement from the Auditor relative to the amount of expenditure for printing and binding in the year 1874, was accepted.

The report of the committee on Harbors, leave to withdraw on petition of the Mystic River Corporation for authority to extend its central dock, and for other purposes, was accepted and sent up for concurrence.

#### *Reports :*

Of the committee on Prisons, leave to withdraw on



petition of J. H. Roberts and others for investigation in regard to discipline and management of East Cambridge Jail and House of Correction ;

Of the committee on Harbors, leave to withdraw on petition of Charles Soule and others for the preservation of Green Harbor, in the town of Marshfield ; and

Of the committee on the Labor Question, leave to withdraw on petition of Edwin M. Chamberlain, relative to the employment of women and children in factories, and also for the appointment of factory inspectors ;

Were severally accepted in concurrence.

Bills :

To change the name of the First Universalist Society in Dedham ; and

In addition to and amendatory of an Act to supply the town of Winchester with pure water ;

Were severally read and ordered to a third reading.

Bills :

To authorize the town of Arlington to raise money for a centennial celebration of the events of the nineteenth day of April, 1775 ;

To incorporate the Boston Navigation Company ;

To revive the Union Mutual Loan and Fund Association for certain purposes ;

Concerning public vaccination ;

To increase the salary of the sheriff of the county of Bristol ; and a

Resolve in favor of the Disabled Soldiers' Employment Bureau ;

Were severally read, passed to be engrossed, and sent up for concurrence.

The Bill in addition to an Act to incorporate the Ohabei Shalom, was read and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

The Bill authorizing improvements at the State Prison, and for other purposes, was further considered, pending which, the House, at 4.55,

Adjourned.

WEDNESDAY, March 24, 1875.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer was offered by the Chaplain.

*Petitions Presented.*

By Mr. Coolidge of Westminster, petitions of A. G. New county. Moulton and others, and of John S. Ward and others, of Athol, severally in favor of the Bill to establish the new county of Lincoln.

Severally placed on file.

By Mr. Bent of Wayland, petition of James S. Draper E. Crane et al. and others in aid of a petition to incorporate the Boston and Chicago Railway Trust Company. Referred to committee on petition of Edward Crane and associates. Sent up for concurrence.

*Order.*

The following Order, offered by Mr. King of Boston, was adopted under a suspension of the rule of the House relative to new business :—

*Ordered*, That the committee on Military Affairs con- Militia parade. sider the expediency of authorizing the commander-in-chief to order the annual parade of the volunteer militia to be held on the 17th of June of the present year, instead of holding the same in the month of May.

Sent up for concurrence.

*Bill Enacted.*

An engrossed Bill to amend an Act to regulate the fish- Bill enacted. eries in Taunton Great River, and Nemasket River (which originated in the House), was passed to be enacted, signed, and sent to the Senate.

An engrossed Resolve in favor of William S. Frost Resolve passed. (which originated in the House), was passed, signed, and sent to the Senate.

*Papers from the Senate.*

Petitions of Lucius Beebe and 102 others, and of E. Crane et al. James Tolman & Co. and 49 others, for the passage of an Act to incorporate the Boston and Chicago Railway Trust Company, were severally referred in concurrence to the committee on petition of Edward Crane and associates.

The following Order, adopted by the Senate, was referred in non-concurrence to the next General Court, under the rule of the House :—

Horse-car drivers.

*Ordered*, That the committee on Street Railways inquire whether any further legislation is necessary to secure to cities and towns the right to exercise the same control over drivers and conductors of horse-cars as over the drivers of other vehicles in the public streets.

Boston Municipal Loan Co.

The report of the committee on Banks and Banking, leave to withdraw on petition of C. R. Ransom and others for an Act of incorporation as the Municipal Loan Company of Boston, was read and placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

Bills :

Gloucester Harbor.

To change a portion of the harbor line in Gloucester Harbor ; and

Redemptorist Fathers.

Authorizing the Boston Society of Redemptorist Fathers to hold additional real and personal estate ;

Severally passed to be engrossed by the Senate, were read and ordered to a second reading.

### *Reports of Committees.*

Medford—brick-yards.

By Mr. Seeley of Great Barrington, from the committee on Towns, leave to withdraw on petition of the selectmen of Medford for the enactment of a law to compel the owners or lessees of brick-yards to fill up all excavations made by them.

New county.

By Mr. Hale of Boston, from the joint select committee on the formation of a new county, leave to withdraw on petitions, with accompanying papers, relating to the formation of a new county from Northern Worcester and Northwestern Middlesex.

Berkshire District Court.

By Mr. Codman of Boston, from the committee on the Judiciary, leave to withdraw on petitions of H. J. Dunham and others for a new district court between the Central and Southern Berkshire districts.

Boston—sewer assessments.

By Mr. Morse of Boston, from the same committee, leave to withdraw on petition of Samuel C. Cobb, mayor of Boston, for legislation relative to collecting assessments for sewers.

Education of children.

By Mr. Stone of Northampton, from the committee on Education, leave to withdraw on petition of J. H. Mansfield and others, for legislation relative to the better education of children.

By Mr. Putnam of New Salem, from the same committee, leave to withdraw on petition of F. L. Capen for aid from the State to assist him in developing the science or system of predictive meteorology. Capen—meteorology.

By Mr. Phillips of Salem, from the committee on Railroads, inexpedient to legislate on an Order relative to dividends and taxes of railroad corporations. Railroad taxes and dividends.

By Mr. Rust of Boston, from the committee on Mercantile Affairs, leave to withdraw on petition of J. S. Potter and others for the passage of a law authorizing the inspection of cattle, and for the better inspection of provisions. Inspection of cattle, etc.

By the same gentleman, from the same committee, leave to withdraw on petition of Charles Fuller and others for a law relative to the measuring of lumber. Lumber.

Severally read and placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

By Mr. Stone of Northampton, from the committee on Education, that the Bill to amend a Resolve relative to the education of deaf-mutes ought to pass, with amendments. Placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow, the question being on the amendments, and then on engrossment. Deaf-mutes.

By Mr. Codman of Boston, from the committee on the Judiciary, that the Senate Bill to authorize the town of Plymouth to establish a sinking fund to meet the loan made to pay for its stock in the Duxbury and Cohasset Railroad Company ought to pass. Plymouth sinking fund.

By the same gentleman, from the same committee, that the Senate Bill to extend the time authorizing the city of Worcester to lay out a public park, and to establish and maintain a reservoir, ought to pass. Worcester—public park.

Severally placed in the orders of the day for a second reading to-morrow.

By Mr. Hawkes of Lynn, from the committee on Mercantile Affairs, that the Bill to incorporate the Nahant Land Company ought to pass in a new draft. Nahant Land Co.

By Mr. Harding of Mansfield, from the committee on Towns, on petition of A. J. Skiff and others, a Bill to annex a part of the town of Acushnet to the city of New Bedford. Amherst and New Bedford.

By Mr. Codman of Boston, from the committee on the Judiciary, on an Order, a Bill concerning the acknowledgment of deeds. Deeds.

**Highways, etc.** By the same gentleman, from the same committee, on an Order, a Bill relating to the location and construction of highways, railroads and other public easements over certain lands.

**Mesne process.** By Mr. Hawkes of Lynn, from the committee on Mercantile Affairs, that the Senate Bill to amend chapter 124 of the General Statutes, relating to the arrest of persons on mesne process, ought to pass in a new draft.

**Educational appropriations.** By Mr. Kimball of Boston, from the committee on Finance, that the Bill making appropriations for certain educational purposes ought to pass in a new draft.

Severally read and ordered to a second reading.

### *Orders of the Day.*

**Orders of the day.**

#### **Reports :**

Of the committee on Claims, leave to withdraw on petition of the Forge Village Horse-nail Company for remission of certain taxes ; also

On petition of overseers of the poor of Ashland for compensation for the support of state paupers ;

Of the committee on Street Railways, leave to withdraw on petition of the Newburyport and Amesbury Horse Railroad Company for leave to issue bonds ; also

On petition of the Boston, Lynn and Peabody Railway Company for the extension of its charter ; and

Of the committee on Agriculture, leave to withdraw on petition of Bradford Weston and others of Duxbury for amendment of the law in relation to the killing of black ducks ;

Were severally accepted and sent up for concurrence.

#### **Bills :**

To authorize the dissolution of the Second Congregational Society in Medford, and for other purposes ;

To change the name of the Wardens, Vestry and Proprietors of Christ Church in Springfield, and for other purposes ;

Relating to the powers of associations for religious, charitable, benevolent and other like purposes ;

In relation to the approval of the bonds of insurance agents ; and

#### **Resolves :**

In favor of the town of Middleborough ;

In favor of Maria Gragg ; and

Providing for the preparation of a new catalogue of the state library ;

Were severally read and ordered to a third reading.

Bills :

In addition to and amendatory of an Act to supply the town of Winchester with pure water ; and

Relating to limited partnerships ;

Were severally read, passed to be engrossed, and sent up for concurrence.

The Bill to change the name of the First Universalist Society in Dedham, was read and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

The Bill authorizing improvements at the State Prison, and for other purposes, was further considered. Mr. Baker of Beverly moved to substitute a Resolve postponing the building of a new State Prison. Negatived. An amendment, moved by Mr. Pierce of Milton, reducing the sum appropriated from \$300,000 to \$100,000, was adopted. On motion of Mr. Hill of Boston, the yeas and nays were ordered on the main question, and the roll being called, the bill as amended was ordered to a third reading by a vote of 165 yeas to 47 nays, as follows :—

YEAS.

Messrs. James Abbe,  
Ebenezer Adams,  
Samuel Allen,  
Stephen M. Allen,  
Michael Atkinson,  
John J. Babson,  
Amasa W. Bailey,  
Cyrus F. Baker,  
Joseph H. Baker,  
T. D. Beach,  
George Beal,  
James Bergin,  
John H. Blake,  
Stephen F. Blaney,  
Frederick L. Bosworth,  
Horace L. Bowker,  
Reuben Boynton,  
Osgood Bradley, Jr.,  
Wm. E. Bridgman,  
William E. Bright,  
Samuel R. Brintnall,  
Charles M. Brown,

Messrs. Isaac T. Burr,  
James H. Carleton,  
Michael Carney,  
William Carroll,  
William Chase,  
Gardner A. Churchill,  
Isaiah Churchill,  
Charles R. Codman,  
Patrick Collins,  
Austin H. Connell,  
Owen Coogan,  
Augustine P. Cook,  
John A. Cummings,  
Ben. C. Currier,  
Wm. D. Curtis,  
Levi L. Cushing, Jr.,  
Benj. F. Davis,  
Epes Davis,  
Jacob W. Davis,  
Lewis Day,  
Henry Dennis, Jr.,  
Neil Doherty,

Messrs. C. W. Duggan,  
Edwin Ellis,  
James E. Estabrook,  
Luther Fisk,  
Samuel Flower,  
John D. Flynn,  
Alpheus Fobes,  
Joseph Fobes,  
Charles L. Gardner,  
Albert W. Gaskill,  
William M. Gaylord,  
Edward E. Gibbs,  
Benjamin Gifford,  
Levi L. Goodspeed,  
Charles H. Greene,  
Daniel G. Green,  
Thomas T. Griggs,  
Dexter Grose,  
Charles Hale,  
David E. Harding,  
William A. Haskell,  
Nicholas Hatheway,  
George Haven,  
Nathan M. Hawkes,  
Beriah T. Hillman,  
Wm. A. Hodges,  
E. Everett Holbrook,  
Henry T. Holmes,  
Daniel P. Hopkinson,  
M. M. Hovey,  
Frederick G. Howes,  
Francis M. Hughes,  
Henry L. James,  
Thomas Johnson,  
George W. Jones,  
Isaac N. Keith,  
Philo Keith,  
William Keith,  
Edward Kendall,  
Moses Kimball,  
William S. King,  
George P. Kingsley,  
Daniel W. Lawrence,  
John B. Le Baron,  
Benj. F. Leighton,  
Daniel J. Lewis,  
George T. Lincoln,  
Pliny T. Litchfield,  
John D. Long,  
James T. Mahony,

Messrs. John B. Martin,  
Joseph T. Massey,  
Edward S. May,  
John J. McNutt,  
William B. Merrill,  
Clement Meserve,  
Henry S. Miner,  
Joseph Mitchell, 2d,  
F. G. Morris,  
Daniel Noonan,  
Isaac N. Nutter,  
Harrison D. Packard,  
Joseph F. Paul,  
Charles M. Peirce, Jr.,  
William E. Perkins,  
Chas. H. Pew, 2d,  
Edward L. Pierce,  
James Pierce,  
Thomas F. Plunkett,  
Alanson B. Pomeroy,  
Richard Pope,  
Isaac Pratt, Jr.,  
Willard Putnam,  
Edward B. Rankin,  
George W. Reed,  
Albert E. Rice,  
William W. Rice,  
Thomas Rich,  
John L. Robinson,  
Wallace F. Robinson,  
Charles A. Rogers,  
Joseph S. Ropes,  
Cyrus K. Russell,  
Nathaniel J. Rust,  
John S. Ryder,  
John Sanborn,  
Charles B. Sanford,  
Cyrus Savage,  
Ebenezer Sawyer,  
Nathaniel Seaver,  
John M. Seeley,  
Charles L. Shaw,  
Frederick P. Shaw,  
Isaiah A. Small,  
George D. Smalley,  
Abraham H. Smith,  
Albert Smith,  
John L. Smith,  
E. A. Spaulding,  
Richard H. Stearns,

Messrs. Isaac Stebbins,  
John C. Stimpson,  
Isaac Stone,  
Daniel J. Sweeney,  
Leonard A. Thayer,  
Wm. A. Thompson,  
Dexter A. Tompkins,  
Enoch H. Towne,  
Byron Truell,  
Albert J. Trull,  
Chas. R. Tucker, Jr.

Messrs. Artemas S. Tyler,  
Edmond M. Vincent,  
Cranmore N. Wallace,  
George M. Warren,  
Felix G. Whitney,  
Moses Williams, Jr.,  
Nathan M. Wood,  
John H. Woodbury,  
John H. Woodbury,  
Walter Wyman.

NAYS.

Messrs. Andrew Athy,  
Daniel D. Bailey,  
John I. Baker,  
John H. Bell,  
Wm. H. Bent,  
John C. Bickford,  
William E. Blunt,  
Wilbur F. Brigham,  
A. B. Coffin,  
Lowell Coolidge,  
A. M. Copeland,  
Francis C. Curtis,  
James W. Dwyer,  
George W. Dyer,  
John B. Fairbanks,  
Thomas F. Fitz Gerald,  
William Frost,  
James W. Gaylord,  
Elbridge H. Goss,  
George Hall,  
Solomon E. Hallett,  
George Heywood,  
Joseph W. Hill,  
Amos B. Holden,

Messrs. S. A. Jacobs,  
Edward J. Johnson,  
Joel Knapp,  
James L. Locke,  
William Martin,  
Samuel May,  
Frederick P. Moseley,  
George L. Newton,  
Charles S. Osgood,  
Willard P. Phillips,  
Stephen C. Phinney,  
J. C. Richmond,  
Joshua C. Robinson,  
Edward Sanderson,  
E. F. Smith,  
Samuel Talbot, Jr.,  
Daniel H. Thurston,  
Austin C. Wellington,  
Wilbur F. Whitney,  
Henry M. Wilcox,  
E. Crosby Willard,  
Wm. Winn,  
William Woods.

Yeas, 165 ; nays, 47.

The Bill to supply the town of Southbridge with pure water was further considered. Amendments were moved by Messrs. Ropes of Boston and Meserve of Hopkinton, pending the consideration of which the bill was laid on the table, on motion of Mr. Kimball of Boston.

The Resolve authorizing the payment of certain expenditures on the State House, was read, and, on motion of Mr. Perkins of Boston, referred to the committee on the State House, with instructions to investigate thoroughly



all the bills for repairs of the State House, mentioned in Senate Document No. 67, and report what sums, in their judgment, are due to the various persons named in said document, and that said committee be empowered to send for persons and papers, and to cause all necessary surveys to be made of the work done.

Sent up for concurrence.

At 4.45, the House  
Adjourned.

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THURSDAY, March 25, 1875.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer was offered by the Chaplain.

*Petitions Presented.*

Turner's Falls  
Bridge.

By Mr. Vincent of Heath, remonstrance of the selectmen of Buckland against the petition of A. W. Stevens and others for a free bridge at Turner's Falls. Referred to the committee on Roads and Bridges.

Cambridge—  
Spy Pond.

By Mr. Coffin of Winchester, remonstrance of John P. Wyman and others against granting the petition of the city of Cambridge for the right to take land on the margin of Spy Pond. Referred to the committee on Water Supply and Drainage.

Severally sent up for concurrence.

Boston Police  
Relief Associa-  
tion.

By Mr. King of Boston, petition of D. L. Thompson and others, officers of the Boston Police Relief Association, for an Act of incorporation. Referred, under suspension of the 20th joint rule, to the committee on the Judiciary.

Rehoboth  
school commit-  
tee.

By Mr. Rich of Seekonk, petition of W. W. Blanding and others, for annulling the election of W. L. Pierce as member of the school committee of Rehoboth, and for a new election. Referred, under suspension of the 20th joint rule, to the committee on Elections.

Severally sent up for concurrence in suspension of the rule.

*Order.*

On motion of Mr. Morse of Boston, under suspension of the rule,—

Horse-car driv-  
ers.

*Ordered,* That the committee on the Judiciary inquire whether any legislation is necessary to secure to cities and

towns the right to exercise the same control over drivers and conductors of horse-cars as over drivers of other vehicles in the public streets.

*Introduced on Leave.*

By Mr. James of Williamsburg, a Bill to amend chapter 259 of the Acts of the year 1872, relative to the establishment of polls and estates of the several cities and towns in the Commonwealth. Read and referred to the committee on the Judiciary, under suspension of the 20th joint rule. Williamsburg taxes.  
Sent up for concurrence in suspension of the rule.

*Paper from the Senate.*

Petitions of George W. Botsford and others; Jordan, Clark & Co. and others; and Atwood Bros. & Co., severally for the passage of an Act to incorporate the Boston and Chicago Railway Trust Company, were referred, in concurrence, to the committee on petition of Edward Crane and associates. E. Crane et als.

A petition of the South Bay Company, for authority to increase its capital stock, was referred, in concurrence, under a suspension of the 20th joint rule, to the committee on Mercantile Affairs. South Bay Co.

A Bill in addition to an Act relating to drainage in the towns of Malden and Melrose, and the Act in addition thereto, introduced on leave in the Senate, was read and referred, in non-concurrence in suspension of the 20th joint rule, to the next General Court. Malden and Melrose.

The report of the committee on the Fisheries, inexpedient to legislate on the annual report of the Commissioners on Inland Fisheries, was read and accepted in concurrence, under suspension of the rule. Fish Commissioners.

*Reports of Committees.*

By Mr. Knox of Lawrence, from the committee on the Judiciary, asking to be discharged, and recommending that an Order concerning poll taxes be referred to the committee on Finance. Read, and accepted under suspension of the rule. Poll taxes.

By Mr. Savage of Taunton, from the committee on Military Affairs, asking to be discharged, and recommending that the petition of J. Newton Pike and others, relative to paying state aid, be referred to the committee on the Judiciary. Read, accepted under suspension of State aid.

the rule, and sent up for concurrence in so much as discharges the committee.

Constitution of  
the United  
States.

By Mr. May of Leicester, from the committee on Federal Relations, that the petition of William B. Earle of Needham, asking for legislation in regard to the amendment of the constitution of the United States, be referred to the next General Court. Read, accepted under suspension of the rule, and sent up for concurrence.

Damages for  
highways.

By Mr. Rice of Worcester, from the committee on the Judiciary, that the Senate Bill to regulate the assessment of damages for land taken in the location of highways, in cases where the estate is encumbered by contingent remainders, ought to pass. Placed in the orders of the day for a second reading to-morrow.

By the same gentleman, from the same committee, inexpedient to legislate on an Order relative to drawing and empanelling grand and petit jurors.

Testimony of  
experts.

By the same gentleman, from the same committee, inexpedient to legislate on an Order relative to regulating the testimony of experts in civil and criminal trials.

Middlefield.

By Mr. Sanderson of Templeton, from the committee on Roads and Bridges, leave to withdraw on petition of the selectmen of Middlefield for an appropriation to build roads and bridges destroyed by the breaking away of reservoirs, July 12, 1874.

Severally read and placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

Hayden Tobacco  
Works.

By Mr. Moseley of Boston, from the committee on Claims, on petition of the Hayden Tobacco Works, for the refunding of certain taxes, a Resolve in favor of the Hayden Tobacco Works. Read, and referred in course to the committee on Finance.

Massachusetts  
Central R. R.

By Mr. Williams of Brookline, from the committee on Railroads, on petition, a Bill to extend the time for locating and constructing the Massachusetts Central Railroad.

Engines, cars  
and steamboats.

By Mr. Rice of Worcester, from the committee on the Judiciary, on an Order, a Bill concerning the attachment of engines and cars and steamboats.

Deposits in sav-  
ings banks.

By Mr. Tyler of Lowell, from the committee on Banks and Banking, on an Order, a Bill to amend chapter 393 of the Acts of the year 1874, relating to deposits in savings banks.

Severally read and ordered to a second reading.

*Orders of the Day.*

**Reports :**

Of the committee on the Judiciary, leave to withdraw on petition of Samuel C. Cobb, mayor of Boston, for legislation concerning the collection of assessments for sewers ; also

On petition of H. J. Dunham and others for a new district court between the central and Berkshire districts ;

Were severally accepted.

The report of the committee on Banks and Banking, leave to withdraw on petition of C. R. Ransom and others for an Act of incorporation as the Municipal Loan Company, was accepted in concurrence.

**Reports :**

Of the committee on Street Railways, leave to withdraw on petition of the Lynn City Street Railway Company for leave to mortgage the property of the company ;

Of the committee on Mercantile Affairs, leave to withdraw on petition of Charles Fuller and others for a law relative to measuring lumber ; also

On petition of J. S. Potter and others for the passage of a law authorizing the inspection of cattle, and for the better inspection of provisions ;

Of the committee on Education, leave to withdraw on petition of F. L. Capen for aid from the State to assist him in developing the science of predictive meteorology ; also

On petition of J. H. Mansfield and others for legislation for the better education of children ; and

Of the committee on Towns, leave to withdraw on petition of the selectmen of the town of Medford for a law to compel the owners or lessees of brick-yards to fill up excavations made by them ;

Were severally accepted, and sent up for concurrence.

A Resolve in favor of the Deerfield Valley Agricultural Society ; and

**Bills :**

Concerning the employment of prisoners sentenced to labor in houses of correction ;

To annex a part of the town of Acushnet to the city of New Bedford ;

Authorizing the Boston Society of Redemptorist Fathers to hold additional real and personal estate ;

Orders of the day.

To change a portion of the harbor line in Gloucester Harbor ;

To authorize the town of Plymouth to establish a sinking fund to meet the loan made to pay for its stock in the Duxbury and Cohasset Railway Company ; and

Concerning the shell-fisheries in the town of Swansea (amended on motion of Mr. Rice of Worcester) ;

Were severally read and ordered to a third reading.

A Bill in relation to the approval of the bonds of insurance agents ; and

A Resolve in favor of Maria Gragg ;

Were severally read, passed to be engrossed, and sent up for concurrence.

A Bill to change the name of the Wardens, Vestry and Proprietors of Christ Church in Springfield, and for other purposes ; and

Resolves :

In favor of the town of Middleborough ; and

Providing for the preparation of a new catalogue of the State library ;

Were severally read, and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

The several reports of the committee on Claims, leave to withdraw on petitions of Frederic P. Shaw, Salmon D. Hood, and William A. Haskell, for pay as members of the House from the first of the session, and for expenses, were considered.

The reports were severally amended by substituting therefor Resolves respectively in favor of Frederic P. Shaw, Salmon D. Hood, and William A. Haskell, granting to each the same salary and mileage he would have received if he had taken his seat at the opening of the session.

The resolves were severally read and referred, in course, to the committee on Finance.

The Bill to amend chapter 303 of the Acts of 1874, relating to school registers and returns, was read and considered.

Pending the consideration of an amendment moved by Mr. White of Williamstown, the House, at 5.05,

Adjourned.

FRIDAY, March 26, 1875.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer was offered by the Chaplain.

*Petitions Presented.*

By Mr. Willard of Ayer, petition of Judge Levi Wallace and 50 others; by Mr. King of Boston, petition of W. H. Sherwood and 50 others; by Mr. Best of Stoneham, petition of William Tidd & Co. and 135 others; by Mr. Churchill of Boston, petition of Peck, North & Fiske and 48 others, severally in aid of the petition for the passage of an Act to incorporate the Boston and Chicago Railway Trust Company. H. Crane et als.

Severally referred to the committee on petition of Edward Crane and associates.

By Mr. Bowen of Wendell, remonstrance of the selectmen of Wendell against the petition of A. W. Stevens and others for a free bridge at Turner's Falls. Referred to the committee on Roads and Bridges. Turner's Falls Bridge.

By Mr. Hood of Topsfield, remonstrance of William H. Newhall and 219 others of Saugus against the taking of Hawkes Brook by the city of Lynn. Referred to the committee on Water Supply and Drainage. Hawkes Brook.

By Mr. Ryder of Rochester, petition of Middleborough and Taunton Precinct Society, for change of name, and for other purposes. Referred, under suspension of the 20th joint rule, to committee on Parishes and Religious Societies. Middleborough and Taunton Precinct Soc.

Severally sent up for concurrence.

*Introduced on Leave.*

By Mr. Winn of Burlington, a Bill to authorize the town of Carlisle to raise money for a centennial celebration of the events of the 19th of April, 1775. Read and referred, under suspension of the 20th joint rule, to the committee on Towns. Sent up for concurrence. Carlisle.

*Orders.*

On motion of Mr. Hale of Boston,—

*Ordered*, That the committee on Finance be authorized, Pay Roll. if they deem it expedient, to report as a substitute for the three resolves referred to said committee, relating to the

compensation of certain members of this House, an Order referring the subject to the committee on the Pay Roll.

On motion of Mr. Heywood of Concord, under suspension of the rule of the House relative to new business,—

Concord centennial.

*Ordered*, That the committee on Military Affairs consider the expediency of authorizing the Governor to order a regiment of infantry and a battery to Concord on the 19th of April next, to escort the procession, and fire salutes in the celebration of that day.

Sent up for concurrence.

*Taken from the Table.*

Southbridge.

On motion of Mr. Kimball of Boston, the Bill to supply the town of Southbridge with pure water was taken from the table and considered. The pending amendment, moved by the same gentleman, was withdrawn. Amendments moved by Messrs. Ropes of Boston and Meserve of Hopkinton were adopted, and the bill, as amended, was ordered to a third reading.

*Papers from the Senate.*

W. & F. Shanly.

*Ordered*, In concurrence, that the committee on Claims, in the matter of the petition of Walter and Francis Shanly for extra allowances in their settlement with the Commonwealth, be authorized to print the testimony and arguments, and such other matter as they may deem expedient, for the use of the legislature.

Repairs of State House.

The Resolve authorizing the payment of certain expenditures on the State House, came down from the Senate with the endorsement that that branch non-concurred with the House reference of the resolve to the committee on the State House, and referring the same to a joint select committee of two on the part of the Senate, with such as the House may join.

The House concurred, and Messrs. Paul of Boston, Shaw of Springfield, McNutt of Boston, Churchill of Boston, and Peirce of New Bedford, were appointed the committee on the part of the House. Sent up to be joined.

*Bills Enacted.*

Bills enacted.

Engrossed bills :

To change the name of the Fourth Congregational Society of Springfield, and to legalize certain acts of said society ;

(Which originated in the House;) and  
 In addition to an Act to incorporate Ohabei Shalom;  
 (Which originated in the Senate;)  
 Were severally passed to be enacted, signed, and sent  
 to the Senate. And

Engrossed resolves:

Resolves passed.

In favor of Peter Powers;

To authorize the publication of a list of Massachusetts  
 officers, sailors and marines who served in the navy in the  
 late civil war;

In favor of the Massachusetts School for Idiotic and  
 Feeble-Minded Youth;

To furnish certain documents and standard weights and  
 measures to the town of South Abington;

(Which severally originated in the House;)

Were severally passed, signed, and sent to the Senate.

### *Reports of Committees.*

By Mr. Osgood of Salem, from the committee on Pro-  
 bate and Chancery, inexpedient to legislate on an Order  
 relative to changing the time for holding the Probate  
 Court at Lawrence. Lawrence—  
probate court.

By Mr. Johnson of Nahant, from the committee on the  
 Fisheries, leave to withdraw on petition of the selectmen  
 of Swansea for an extension of time for fishing in Palmer's  
 River. Swansea.

By the same gentleman, from the same committee,  
 leave to withdraw on petition of J. C. Inman and others  
 of Harwich and Dennis for the protection of clams. Harwich and  
Dennis.

Severally read and placed in the orders of the day for  
 to-morrow.

By Mr. Ellis of Athol, from the committee on Towns,  
 on an Order, a Bill providing for the election of select-  
 men, assessors and overseers of the poor in towns. Selectmen, as-  
sessor and  
overseers.

By Mr. Johnson of Nahant, from the committee on the  
 Fisheries, on petitions of Smith & Gott and others, a Bill  
 concerning pickled fish, and to amend chapter 49 of the  
 General Statutes. Inspector-Gen-  
eral of Fish.

(Messrs. Fitz of the Senate, and Dennis of the House,  
 a minority of the committee, recommend the passage of a  
 Bill to abolish the office of inspector-general of fish.)

By the same gentleman, from the same committee, on  
 petition of Joseph Nickerson and others, a Bill to author-  
 ize the leasing of great ponds in Dukes County. Dukes County  
great ponds.



Subscriptions to  
railroad stock.

By Mr. Phillips of Salem, from the committee on Railroads, on an Order, a Bill to amend section 35 of chapter 372 of the Acts of 1874, relative to subscriptions by cities to railroad stock.

Framingham—  
First Parish.

By Mr. Massey of Bellingham, from the committee on Parishes and Religious Societies, on petition, a Bill to authorize the First Parish in Framingham to hold real estate, for the purposes of a parsonage.

Lowell charter.

By Mr. Rice of Worcester, from the committee on the Judiciary, on petition of the mayor of Lowell, a Bill to revise and consolidate the charter of the city of Lowell.

Severally read and ordered to a second reading.

### *Orders of the Day.*

Orders of the  
day.

#### Reports :

Of the committee on the Judiciary, inexpedient to legislate on an Order relative to regulating the testimony of experts in civil and criminal trials ; also

On an Order relative to drawing and empanelling grand and petit jurors ;

Were severally accepted.

The report of the committee on Roads and Bridges, leave to withdraw on petition of the selectmen of the town of Middlefield for an appropriation to rebuild roads and bridges in said town, destroyed by the breaking away of reservoirs, was accepted and sent up for concurrence.

The report of the committee on Railroads, leave to withdraw on petition of G. N. Collins and others of Edgartown, that the Martha's Vineyard Railroad Company may be exempted from fencing certain parts of said road, was amended, on motion of Mr. Hillman of Chilmark, by substituting a Bill in relation to fencing the Martha's Vineyard Railroad, which was read and ordered to a second reading.

The report of the committee on Railroads, on an Order concerning existing contracts between the Boston and Albany Railroad Company and the Albany Bridge Company, was accepted, the House refusing to amend by substituting for the report a Resolve moved by Mr. Bowker of Boston.

Sent up for concurrence.

The report of the committee on Agriculture, leave to withdraw on petition of John Boyden and others for amendment of the game laws, was, on motion of Mr. Curtis of Lenox, laid on the table.

The Resolve in favor of Georgianna Davis, guardian to Clara E. Attleton, was considered, its rejection, as recommended by the committee on Finance, negatived, and the resolve ordered to a second reading.

The Bill to amend chapter 303 of the Acts of 1874, relating to school registers and returns, was further considered; the amendment moved by Mr. White of Williamstown was rejected, and the bill, on motion of Mr. Blaney of Peabody, was indefinitely postponed.

The Bill to amend section 16 of chapter 38 of the General Statutes, relative to the election of school committees in towns, was amended, on motion of Mr. Hillman of Chilmark, and, as amended, was indefinitely postponed, on motion of Mr. White of Williamstown.

**Bills :**

Relating to legal settlements ;

To extend the time authorizing the city of Worcester to lay out a public park, and to establish and maintain a reservoir ;

To extend the time for locating and constructing the Massachusetts Central Railroad ;

To amend chapter 393 of the Acts of the year 1874, relating to deposits in savings banks ; and

Concerning the attachment of engines and cars, and steamboats ; and

**Resolves :**

Providing for the enforcement of the laws relating to the schooling and hours of labor of children employed in manufacturing and mechanical establishments ; and

In favor of the normal schools at Framingham, Westfield, Bridgewater and Salem (amended on motion of Mr. Kimball of Boston) ;

Were severally read and ordered to a third reading.

**Bills :**

Authorizing the construction of branches and extensions by railroad corporations ;

Relating to the powers of associations for religious, charitable, benevolent and other like purposes ; and

To annex a part of the town of Acushnet to the city of New Bedford ; and a

Resolve in favor of the Deerfield Valley Agricultural Society ;

Were severally read, passed to be engrossed, and sent up for concurrence.

**Bills :**

Concerning the employment of prisoners sentenced to labor in houses of correction ;

Authorizing the Boston Society of Redemptorist Fathers to hold additional real and personal estate ; and

To change a portion of the harbor line in Gloucester Harbor ;

Were severally read, and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

Point of order.

The Bill to fix the salary of the clerk of the municipal court of the South Boston district, was read and considered. Mr. Goss of Melrose moved to amend by inserting after the words "South Boston district," the words, "and the clerk of the First District Court of Eastern Middlesex." The Speaker ruled that the amendment was not in order. The 88th rule of the House provides that "no motion or proposition of a subject different from that under consideration shall be admitted under color of amendment." The salary of the clerk of one district court is a different subject-matter from the salary of the clerk of another such court. The bill was ordered to a third reading.

At 5.20, the House  
Adjourned.

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SATURDAY, March 27, 1875.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer was offered by the Chaplain.

*Order.*

On motion of Mr. Winn of Burlington,—

Lexington cen-  
tennial.

*Ordered*, Under a suspension of the rule, that the committee on Military Affairs consider the expediency of authorizing the Governor to order a suitable escort to Lexington on the 19th of April, to attend the celebration on that day, and that an adequate appropriation be made for the same.

Sent up for concurrence.

*Reports of Committees.*

Executive  
chambers.

By Mr. Tompkins of Boston, from the committee on the State House, under authority conferred by section 9 of

chapter 5 of the General Statutes, a Resolve making an appropriation for the purpose of providing suitable furniture for the executive chambers. Read and referred in course to the committee on Finance.

By Mr. Pew of Gloucester, from the committee on Military Affairs, that no legislation is necessary on petition of Cleophas Fais that an immediate investigation be made into the affairs of company I, first regiment infantry, but recommending that the Governor and commander-in-chief order such investigation. Company I, first regiment.

By Mr. Hovey of Sutton, from the committee on Printing, that the Order relative to printing fifteen hundred additional copies of the report of the Commissioners on Taxation and Exemption therefrom ought not to be adopted. Taxation.

Severally read and placed in the orders of the day for Monday.

By Mr. Codman of Boston, from the committee on the Judiciary, on petition of the city of Cambridge, a Bill in addition to an Act to supply the city of Cambridge with pure water. Cambridge—water supply.

By the same gentleman, from the same committee, on an Order, a Bill to revise and amend the charter of the city of New Bedford. New Bedford charter.

By Mr. Coffin of Winchester, from the committee on Elections, on an Order, a Bill to amend the ninth section of chapter 376 of the Acts of 1874, concerning lists of voters in cities. Lists of voters.

Severally read and ordered to a second reading.

*Papers from the Senate.*

Petitions of J. J. Smith and others, and of William Taylor & Co. and others, in aid of the petition for the passage of an Act to incorporate the Boston and Chicago Railway Trust Company, were severally referred in concurrence to the committee on petition of Edward Crane and associates. E. Crane et als.

The petition of Laura J. Brown for state aid, was referred in concurrence, under suspension of the rule of the House, to the committee on Claims. Laura J. Brown.

A Bill to authorize the town of Brookline to borrow money to pay for the construction of sewers, and for the establishment of a sinking fund, passed to be engrossed by the Senate in a new draft, was read and referred to the committee on the Judiciary. Brookline—loan.

License bill.

The Bill to regulate the sale of intoxicating liquors came down, passed to be engrossed by the Senate, with amendments. On motion of Mr. Perkins of Boston, the question of concurrence in the amendments was postponed until Tuesday next.

Bills.

Bills :

To supply the town of Watertown with water ;  
To increase the capital stock of the Wamsutta Mills ;  
and  
To amend the charter of the Plymouth County Railroad ;  
Severally passed to be engrossed by the Senate, were severally read and ordered to a second reading.

B. J. Berry.

The report of the committee on Water Supply and Drainage, leave to withdraw, on petition of B. J. Berry and associates for an Act authorizing them to take water from Ipswich River, accepted by the Senate, was read and placed in the orders of the day for Monday.

### *Bill Enacted.*

Bill enacted.

An engrossed Bill to authorize the town of Arlington to raise money for a centennial celebration of the events of the nineteenth day of April, 1775, which originated in the House, was passed to be enacted, signed, and sent to the Senate.

### *Orders of the Day.*

Orders of the day.

The report of the committee on Probate and Chancery, inexpedient to legislate, on an Order relative to changing the time for holding the probate court at Lawrence, was accepted.

The report of the committee on the Fisheries, leave to withdraw, on petition of I. C. Inman and others of Harwich and Dennis, for the protection of clams, was accepted, and sent up for concurrence.

Bills :

Making appropriations for certain educational purposes ;  
To authorize the leasing of great ponds in Dukes County ; and

To authorize the First Parish in Framingham to hold real estate for the purposes of a parsonage ;

Were severally read and ordered to a third reading.

Bills :

Relating to legal settlements ; and

To extend the time authorizing the city of Worcester to lay out a public park and to establish and maintain a reservoir ;

Were severally read, and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

Bills :

To extend the time for locating and constructing the Massachusetts Central Railroad ;

To amend chapter 393 of the Acts of the year 1874, relating to deposits in savings banks ; and

To supply the town of Southbridge with pure water ;

Were severally read, passed to be engrossed, and sent up for concurrence.

The Bill to incorporate the Fidelity Assurance Company was read, and pending the consideration of amendments moved by Messrs. Kimball and Hale of Boston, and Long of Hingham, it was recommitted, on motion of Mr. Kimball of Boston, to the committee on Insurance.

The report of the committee on Railroads, inexpedient to legislate, on an Order relative to dividends and taxes of railroad corporations, was accepted, the House refusing to recommit, with instructions to report a bill limiting such dividends to ten per cent. Sent up for concurrence.

Pending the consideration of the report of the joint select committee on Formation of a new County, leave to withdraw, on petitions relative to the formation of a new county, the orders of the day were laid on the table.

### *Reconsideration.*

On motion of Mr. Stone of Northampton, the vote whereby the House yesterday passed to be engrossed the Bill authorizing the construction of branches and extensions by railroad corporations was reconsidered. Branches and extensions of railroads.

The same gentleman moved to amend the bill, pending the consideration of which it was, on motion of Mr. Phillips of Salem, laid on the table.

The Speaker stated that he would be unable to be present on Monday, and designated Mr. Codman of Boston to perform the duties of the Chair on that day.

At 1.30, the House  
Adjourned.

MONDAY, March 29, 1875.

Met according to adjournment.

In the absence of the Speaker, the Chair was occupied by Mr. Codman of Boston.

Prayer was offered by the Chaplain.

*Petitions Presented.*

Carlisle.

By Mr. Allen of Duxbury, remonstrance of Albion A. Adams and others of Carlisle, against the Bill authorizing the town of Carlisle to raise money by taxation for celebrating the centennial anniversary of the 19th of April, 1775. Referred to the committee on Towns, and sent up for concurrence.

*Order.*

The following Order, offered by Mr. Kimball of Boston, was, on request of Mr. Morse of Boston, laid over until to-morrow :—

Summoning  
witnesses.

*Ordered,* That no committee having authority to send for persons and papers shall summon any person, or order the production of books or papers for any hearing before the committee, unless the names of parties and papers wanted have been considered by the committee, and the summons ordered by vote.

*Papers from the Senate.*

Concord and  
Lexington cen-  
tennial.

*Ordered,* In concurrence, that a committee of two on the part of the Senate, with such as the House may join, be appointed to confer with the Governor as to the arrangements for the attendance of the Legislature at Concord and Lexington on the 19th of April next.

Ninth regiment.

A communication from the officers of the ninth regiment, M. V. M., tendering the services of their regiment as escort to the Legislature on the occasion of their visit to Lexington and Concord on the 19th of April, was referred in concurrence to the committee on Military Affairs.

Freemasonry.

A Bill in addition to an Act to incorporate the trustees of the Scottish rite of Freemasonry, came down passed to be engrossed by the Senate, with an amendment, which, under the rule, was referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

The House Bill concerning the annual returns of persons supported and relieved, came down from the Senate passed to be engrossed, with certain amendments, in which the House refused to concur.

**Bills :**

To authorize the city of Chelsea and town of Revere to construct a bridge across Chelsea Creek ;

Persons supported and relieved.

Chelsea and Revere.

To provide for the appointment of a commission to investigate the question of the use of running streams as common sewers in its relation to the public health ; and

Running streams as sewers.

To provide for religious instruction in prisons ;

Religious instruction.

Severally passed to be engrossed by the Senate, were read and ordered to a second reading.

On motion of Mr. Kimball of Boston, the Bill to increase the capital stock of the Wamsutta Mills was discharged from the orders of the day, took its second and third readings under a suspension of the rule, and was passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

Wamsutta Mills.

*Reports of Committees.*

By Mr. King of Boston, from the committee on Military Affairs, leave to withdraw, on petition of R. H. Chamberlain and others, that a company of cavalry be attached to the third brigade of Massachusetts volunteer militia.

Third brigade, M. V. M.

By Mr. Cushing of Cambridge, from the committee on Finance, to whom were referred Resolves in favor of Salmon D. Hood, William A. Haskell and Frederic P. Shaw, and on an Order relating to the same subject, that the following Order ought to be adopted in lieu of the resolves :—

*Ordered,* That the committee on the Pay Roll be authorized to make up the pay of Salmon D. Hood, Frederic P. Shaw and William A. Haskell to the amount as for services for the full session.

Messrs. Hood, Haskell and Shaw.

By Mr. Codman of Boston, from the committee on the Judiciary, that the House ought to concur in the Senate amendment to the House Bill to authorize the city of Fall River to fund its floating debt, with an amendment.

Fall River debt.

By Mr. Kimball of Boston, from the committee on Finance, that no legislation is necessary, on an Order relative to the stock of the Commonwealth in the New York and New England Railroad Company.

N. Y. & N. E. R. R. Co.

Severally read and placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.



State Reform  
School.

By Mr. Churchill of Boston, from the committee on Public Charitable Institutions, on an Order, a Resolve providing for enlarged accommodations and classification of the inmates of the State Reform School at Westborough.

George H. Hall.

By Mr. Holden of Westminster, from the committee on Claims, on petition, a Resolve in favor of George H. Hall.

Severally read and referred in course to the committee on Finance.

Worcester Lunatic Hospital.

By Mr. Kimball of Boston, from the committee on Finance, on a Resolve relative to the State Lunatic Hospital at Worcester, a Bill to provide means for the completion of the Worcester Lunatic Hospital by the issue of scrip, and for the redemption of the same, and for other purposes.

Appropriation bill.

By Mr. Blaney of Peabody, from the same committee, a Bill making appropriations to meet certain expenditures authorized the present year, and for other purposes.

Estates on condition.

By Mr. Rice of Worcester, from the committee on the Judiciary, that the Bill in relation to estates held on condition ought to pass in a new draft.

Severally read and ordered to a second reading.

Hayden Tobacco Works.

By Mr. Blaney of Peabody, from the committee on Finance, that the Resolve in favor of the Hayden Tobacco Works ought to pass.

Beverly.

By the same gentleman, from the same committee, that the Resolve in favor of the town of Beverly ought to pass.

Executive chambers.

By the same gentleman, from the same committee, that the Resolve making an appropriation for the purpose of providing suitable furniture for the executive chambers ought to pass.

Anna Coleman.

By Mr. Cushing of Cambridge, from the same committee, that the Resolve in favor of Anna Coleman ought to pass.

George H. McAllister.

By the same gentleman, from the same committee, that the Resolve in favor of George H. McAllister, guardian of Charles W. Stephenson, ought to pass.

Scientific survey.

By Mr. Kimball of Boston, from the same committee, that the Bill providing for the survey of the Commonwealth ought to pass.

Severally placed in the orders of the day for a second reading to-morrow.

*Orders of the Day.*

Bills :

Orders of the day.

Making appropriations for certain educational purposes ;  
and

To authorize the First Parish in Framingham to hold real estate for the purposes of a parsonage ;

Were severally read, passed to be engrossed, and sent up for concurrence.

The report of the joint select committee on Formation of a new County, leave to withdraw, on petitions relative to the formation of a new county from northern Worcester and north-western Middlesex, with accompanying papers, was further considered.

Mr. Holden of Westminster moved to amend by substituting a Bill to establish the county of Lincoln.

After debate, the previous question was ordered, on motion of Mr. Sanborn of Boston. The House refused to order the yeas and nays on the question of the substitution of the bill for the report, as moved by Mr. Coolidge of Westminster, and the report was then accepted without a count.

At 5.10, the House  
Adjourned.

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TUESDAY, March 30, 1875.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer was offered by the Chaplain.

*Petition Presented.*

By Mr. Forbes of Easton, petition of the selectmen of Easton for state aid for Georgianna E. Pope. Referred, under the rule, to the next General Court.

*Orders.*

The following Order, offered by Mr. Hill of Boston, was laid over until to-morrow, at the request of Mr. King of Boston :—

*Ordered*, That in debate of all matters coming before the House members be limited to ten minutes each.

Vineyard  
Haven.

On motion of Mr. Hillman, of Chilmark,—

*Ordered*, Under a suspension of the rule, that the committee on Harbors consider the expediency of creating the office of harbor-master for the harbor of Vineyard Haven.

Repairs of State  
House.

On motion of Mr. Paul of Boston,—

*Ordered*, That the Attorney-General or his assistant be requested to appear before the joint special committee of the House and Senate in the investigation of the State House repairs; that the committee be authorized to send for persons and papers, and also to employ clerical assistance.

Severally sent up for concurrence.

Expenditures by  
committees.

On motion of Mr. Phillips of Salem,—

*Ordered*, Under a suspension of the rule, that the committee on Finance be instructed to report such amendment to chapter 309 of the Acts of 1869 as will require that all accounts for expenditure incurred by any legislative committee shall be approved in writing by a majority of all the members of said committee before audit and certification for allowance and payment.

Sending for per-  
sons and papers.

The Order offered by Mr. Kimball of Boston yesterday, and laid over until to-day, relative to the summoning of witnesses and sending for papers by committees, was adopted, and sent up for concurrence.

*Discharged from the Orders.*

Plymouth sink-  
ing fund.

On motion of Mr. Phinney of Plymouth, the Bill to authorize the town of Plymouth to establish a sinking fund to meet the loan made to pay for its stock in the Duxbury and Cohasset Railroad Company, was discharged from the orders of the day, and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

License bill.

The Senate amendments to the Bill to regulate the sale of intoxicating liquors were considered.

Mr. Perkins of Boston moved to non-concur and ask for a committee of conference. This motion was rejected by a vote of 83 to 96, and the amendments were concurred in.

*Taken from the Table.*

Branches and  
extensions of  
railroads.

On motion of Mr. Stone of Northampton, the Bill authorizing the construction of branches and extensions by

railroad corporations was taken from the table. The same gentleman withdrew an amendment moved by him, and the bill was again passed to be engrossed.

*Papers from the Senate.*

Notice was received from the Senate of the rejection by that branch of the House Bill relating to free instruction in drawing. Free instruction in drawing.

The petition of W. A. Humphrey and others in aid of that of David Coolidge and others, that the town of Brookline be reunited to Boston, was referred in concurrence to the committee on Towns. Brookline—annexation to Boston.

A Resolve in relation to the claim of George M. Weston, passed to be engrossed by the Senate, was read and referred in course to the committee on Finance. G. M. Weston.

**Bills :**

Bills.

Concerning municipal, police and district courts, and the taxation of costs in civil and criminal cases in said courts, and by justices of the peace and trial justices ; and

Concerning manufacturing and other corporations ;

(Passed to be engrossed by the Senate ;)

Were severally read and referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

The report of the committee on Roads and Bridges, leave to withdraw, on the petition of S. A. Dean and others, for a law requiring the use of broad-rimmed wheels by heavily loaded teams on public roads, was read and placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow. Broad-rimmed wheels.

The Senate Order relative to a committee of arrangements for the celebration on the 19th of April, came down, with Messrs. Harwood and Edson appointed on the part of that branch, and Messrs. Williams of Brookline, Tompkins of Boston, Blunt of Haverhill, Fitz Gerald of Boston, and Burr of Newton, were joined on the part of the House. Centennial at Concord and Lexington.

*Reports of Committees.*

By Mr. Hill of Boston, from the committee on the Close of the Session, that the Order granting further time to committees in which to report on matters referred to them ought to be adopted in the following form :—

*Ordered,* That No. 19 of the joint rules and orders be suspended, and that joint committees be allowed until and Extension of time for committees.

including Tuesday, April 6, in which to report on matters previously referred to them.

Under a suspension of the rule, the order was adopted, and sent up for concurrence.

Second regi-  
ment.

By Mr. Allen of Walpole, from the committee on Claims, on the petition of B. F. Prouty, a Resolve in favor of company F, second regiment infantry, M. V. M. Read and referred in course to the committee on Finance.

Juvenile offend-  
ers.

By Mr. Reed of Abington, from the committee on Public Charitable Institutions, that the further consideration of the Order relative to the nautical training and education of juvenile offenders be referred to the next General Court.

Cambridge—  
Clematis and  
Beaver brooks.

By Mr. Meserve of Hopkinton, from the committee on Water Supply and Drainage, leave to withdraw, on petition of the city of Cambridge for authority to take water from Clematis and Beaver brooks in Waltham.

Sarah L. Mon-  
tague.

By Mr. Moseley of Boston, from the committee on Claims, leave to withdraw, on petition of Sarah L. Montague for state aid.

By Mr. Hill of Boston, from the committee on the Close of the Session, an Order for the government of the House, as follows:—

Hour of meet-  
ing.

*Ordered*, That on and after Tuesday, April 6, the House shall meet at 11 o'clock, A. M., except on Mondays, and whenever the House shall be in session at one o'clock, P. M., except on Saturdays, the Speaker shall declare a recess until two o'clock.

Transportation  
of merchandise.

By Mr. Miner of Phillipston, from the committee on Agriculture, leave to withdraw, on petition of Jesse Foster and others for a change in the law relating to the transportation of merchandise, the matter having been arranged satisfactorily to the petitioners.

Severally read and placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

Princeton.

By Mr. Rice of Worcester, from the committee on the Judiciary, on petition of the inhabitants of Princeton, a Bill to enable the town of Princeton to convey certain lands.

West Spring-  
field Aqueduct  
Co.

By Mr. Bowker of Boston, from the committee on Water Supply and Drainage, on petition of William Birnie and C. L. Goodhue, a Bill to incorporate the West Springfield Aqueduct Company.

Severally read and ordered to a second reading.

By Mr. King of Boston, from the committee on Military Militia parade. Affairs, on Orders, a Bill relative to the annual parade of the volunteer militia for the present year.

On motion of Mr. King, the rules were suspended, the bill took its several readings, was passed to be engrossed, and sent up for concurrence.

*Bills Enacted.*

Engrossed bills :

Bills enacted.

To incorporate the Boston Navigation Company ;

To change the name of the Third Unitarian Society in Dorchester ;

To incorporate the Ayer Savings Bank ;

To authorize the town of Waltham to raise additional funds to complete its water-works ;

In relation to the approval of the bonds of insurance agents ;

To amend section 1 of chapter 222 of the Acts of the year 1874, relating to dividends of joint stock fire and marine insurance companies ;

(Which severally originated in the House ;) and

To establish the Boston Water Board ;

To increase the capital stock of the Wamsutta Mills ;

To change a portion of the harbor line in Gloucester Harbor ;

To change the name of the First Universalist Society in Dedham ;

Concerning the employment of prisoners sentenced to labor in houses of correction ;

To change the name of the Wardens, Vestry and Proprietors of Christ Church in Springfield, and for other purposes ; and

Authorizing the Boston Society of Redemptorist Fathers to hold additional real and personal estate ;

(Which severally originated in the Senate ;)

Were severally passed to be enacted, signed, and sent to the Senate.

Engrossed resolves :

Resolves passed.

In favor of the town of Melrose ;

Granting certain pieces of ordnance to the city of Cambridge ;

Concerning the establishment of piers instead of buoys in the bays of Cape Cod, Gurnet Head, and Duxbury and Kingston bays ;

(Which severally originated in the House;) and  
 In favor of the town of Middleborough;  
 Providing for the preparation of a new catalogue of the  
 state library;  
 (Which severally originated in the Senate;)  
 Were severally passed, signed, and sent to the Senate.

*Orders of the Day.*

Orders of the  
 day.

The report of the committee on the Judiciary, that the House concur in the Senate amendment to the Bill to authorize the city of Fall River to fund its floating debt, with an amendment, was accepted, and the bill sent up for concurrence in the amendment to the amendment.

The report of the committee on Finance, on Resolves respectively in favor of Salmon D. Hood, Frederic P. Shaw and William A. Haskell, recommending the adoption of an order in lieu thereof, was accepted, and the order adopted.

*Reports :*

Of the committee on Military Affairs, leave to withdraw, on petition of R. H. Chamberlain and others, that a company of cavalry be attached to the third brigade of Massachusetts volunteer militia; also

On petition of Cleophas Fais and others, that records, accounts and returns of certain military officers may be examined;

Were severally accepted and sent up for concurrence.

*Bills :*

Concerning the acknowledgment of deeds (amended on motion of Mr. Perkins of Boston);

In addition to an Act to supply the city of Cambridge with pure water;

To provide means for the completion of the Worcester Lunatic Hospital by the issue of scrip, and for the redemption of the same, and for other purposes;

Making appropriations to meet certain expenditures authorized the present year, and for other purposes; and

*Resolves :*

In favor of the town of Beverly;

In favor of George H. McAllister, guardian of Charles W. Stephenson; and

In favor of Anna Coleman;

Were severally read and ordered to a third reading.

**Bills :**

Concerning the shell-fisheries in the towns of Swansea and Somerset ;

Concerning the attachment of engines and cars, and steamboats ;

To authorize the leasing of great ponds in Dukes County ; and a

Resolve in favor of the Normal Schools at Framingham, Westfield, Bridgewater and Salem ;

Were severally read, passed to be engrossed, and sent up for concurrence.

The Bill to amend a Resolve relative to the education of deaf-mutes was further considered. The first amendment, recommended by the committee on Education, was adopted, and the second was rejected. A further amendment, moved by Mr. Hale of Boston, was adopted, and the bill as amended was rejected.

The Bill relating to the location and construction of highways, railroads and other public easements over certain lands was read, and pending the question of ordering it to a third reading, the House, at 5.25,

Adjourned.

WEDNESDAY, March 31, 1875.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer was offered by the Rev. Mr. Dunn of Boston.

*Petitions Presented.*

By Mr. Allen of Duxbury, petition of A. A. Cobb and others in aid of petition of David Coolidge for annexing Brookline to Boston. Referred to the committee on Towns. Brookline and Boston.

By Mr. Shaw of Springfield, petition of E. F. Gray and others, company G, second regiment infantry, M. V. M., for compensation for services rendered at Northampton, Haydenville and Williamsburg, May 18 and 19, 1874. Referred, under suspension of the rule, to the committee on Claims. Co. G. second regiment.

Severally sent up for concurrence.

By Mr. Moseley of Boston, petition of W. R. Clark and others for the incorporation of Foster's Wharf. Re- Foster's Wharf Co.



ferred, under the 20th joint rule, to the next General Court.

*Orders.*

The following Order was offered by Mr. Bowker of Boston :—

Board of Agriculture.

*Ordered*, That two thousand extra copies of the report of the State Board of Agriculture be printed for the use of the legislature. Referred, under the rule, to the committee on Printing.

The Order offered by Mr. Hill of Boston, and laid over yesterday, was adopted in a modified form, as follows :—

Debate limited.

*Ordered*, That no member shall occupy more than ten minutes' time in debate upon any one question, except by leave of the House.

*Introduced on Leave.*

Framingham.

By Mr. Haven of Framingham, under a suspension of the rule, a Bill to authorize the town of Framingham to raise money for a centennial celebration of the events of the nineteenth day of April, 1775.

On motion of the same gentleman, the rules were suspended, the bill took its several readings, was passed to be engrossed, and sent up for concurrence.

*Reconsiderations.*

Deaf-mutes and the blind.

On motion of Mr. Stone of Northampton, the vote whereby the House yesterday rejected the Bill to amend a Resolve relative to the education of deaf-mutes was reconsidered.

On motion of the same gentleman, the bill was amended, and as amended passed to be engrossed.

On motion of Mr. Hale of Boston, the title was amended to read as follows :—

A Bill relating to institutions for the education of the deaf and dumb, and of the blind.

Swansea fisheries.

Mr. Hatheway moved to reconsider the vote whereby the House yesterday passed to be engrossed the Bill concerning the shell-fisheries in the town of Swansea.

The motion was rejected.

*Papers from the Senate.*

Papers were referred in concurrence as follows :

Board of Health.

The sixth annual report of the State Board of Health ; and

The annual report of the trustees of the Museum of Comparative Zoölogy ;

Museum of Comparative Zoölogy.

Severally to the committee on Education.

The annual report of the trustees of the Massachusetts Agricultural College to the committee on Agriculture.

Agricultural College.

A Bill to change the name of the Haskins Machine Company, introduced on leave in the Senate, was read and referred in concurrence to the committee on Manufactures, under suspension of the 20th joint rule.

Haskins Machine Co.

A Bill to amend an Act to incorporate the Boston Safe Deposit and Trust Company, passed to be engrossed by the Senate, was read and ordered to a second reading.

Boston Safe Deposit and Trust Co.

A Resolve in favor of Jerrie C. Vaughn, passed to be engrossed by the Senate, was read and referred in course to the committee on Finance.

J. C. Vaughn.

A Bill to authorize the city of Boston to construct a sewer in the Mystic Valley, passed to be engrossed by the Senate, was read, and on motion of Mr. Coffin of Winchester, laid upon the table.

Boston—Mystic Valley sewer.

### *Reports of Committees.*

By Mr. Copeland of Springfield, from the committee on Claims, on petition, a Resolve in favor of Isabell Campbell.

Isabell Campbell.

By Mr. Holden of Westminster, from the same committee, on petition of Annie J. De Ribas, a Resolve in favor of Louis A. De Ribas.

L. A. De Ribas.

By Mr. Moseley of Boston, from the same committee, on petition, a Resolve in favor of Harmon Hall.

Harmon Hall.

By Mr. Fisk of Dennis, from the same committee, on petition, a Resolve in favor of Richard F. Andrews.

R. F. Andrews.

Severally read and referred in course to the committee on Finance.

By Mr. Cummings of Somerville, from the committee on Claims, leave to withdraw, on petition of Joseph W. Fowle, for remuneration for the use of the principle in rock-drilling of which he was the original inventor.

J. W. Fowle.

By Mr. Heywood of Concord, from the committee on the Judiciary, inexpedient to legislate, upon the Order relative to making town clerks clerks of boards of assessors in the several towns in the Commonwealth.

Town clerks.

By Mr. Phinney of Plymouth, from the committee on Water Supply and Drainage, reference to the next General Court, on the petition of Edward S. Rand, Jr., and

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others, for an Act of incorporation as the Dedham Water Company.

Severally read and placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

South Bay Com-  
pany.

By Mr. Hawkes of Lynn, from the committee on Mercantile Affairs, on petition of the South Bay Company, a Bill to authorize the South Bay Company to increase its capital stock.

F. L. Winship.

By Mr. Meserve of Hopkinton, from the committee on Probate and Chancery, on petition of F. Lyman Winship, a Bill to authorize the commissioners on public lands to release a certain parcel of land in East Boston.

Severally read and ordered to a second reading.

Brookline—  
water for Bos-  
ton.

By Mr. Carrier of Newburyport, from the committee on Water Supply and Drainage, that the Bill (on leave) to authorize the town of Brookline to supply water to the city of Boston ought to pass.

Evangelical  
Congregational  
Society, East  
Cambridge.

By Mr. Bowman of Somerville, from the committee on Probate and Chancery, that the House Bill to authorize the Evangelical Congregational Society of East Cambridge to sell land and other property of the society, and to appropriate the proceeds of the sale, ought to pass.

Severally placed in the orders of the day for a second reading to-morrow.

Carlisle.

By Mr. Allen of Duxbury, from the committee on Towns, that the Bill (on leave) to authorize the town of Carlisle to raise money for a centennial celebration of the events of the 19th of April, 1775, ought to pass in a new draft, entitled a Bill to legalize certain doings of the town of Carlisle.

Under a suspension of the rules, on motion of the same gentleman, the bill had its several readings, was passed to be engrossed, and sent up for concurrence.

### *Bills Enacted.*

Bills enacted.

Engrossed bills :

Respecting the taking of the decennial census in Boston and other cities ;

In addition to and amendatory of an Act to supply the town of Winchester with pure water ;

( Which severally originated in the House ; ) and

Relating to legal settlements ;

To extend the time authorizing the city of Worcester to

lay out a public park, and to establish and maintain a reservoir ;

(Which severally originated in the Senate ;)

Were severally passed to be enacted, signed, and sent to the Senate.

Engrossed resolves :

Resolves passed.

In favor of Edward Archibald and Percy Archibald ; and  
For the reimbursement of certain taxes overpaid by insurance agents ;

(Which severally originated in the House ;)

Were severally passed, signed and sent to the Senate.

*Orders of the Day.*

Reports :

Orders of the day.

Of committee on Water Supply and Drainage, leave to withdraw, on petition of B. J. Berry and associates, for an Act authorizing them to take water from Ipswich River ; and

Of committee on Roads and Bridges, leave to withdraw, on petition of S. A. Dean and others, for a law requiring the use of broad-rimmed wheels by heavily loaded teams on public roads ;

Were severally accepted in concurrence.

Reports :

Of committee on Public Charitable Institutions, reference to the next General Court, on the Order relative to nautical training and education of juvenile offenders ;

Of committee on Water Supply and Drainage, leave to withdraw, on petition of the city of Cambridge for authority to take water from Clematis and Beaver brooks in Waltham ;

Of committee on Agriculture, leave to withdraw, on petition of Jesse Foster and others, for a change in the laws relating to the transportation of merchandise ; and

Of committee on Claims, leave to withdraw, on petition of Sarah L. Montague for state aid ;

Were severally accepted, and sent up for concurrence.

The report of the committee on Printing, that the Order relative to printing fifteen hundred additional copies of the report of the Commissioners on Taxation and Exemption therefrom ought not to be adopted, was accepted, and the order rejected.

The Bill relating to the location and construction of highways, railroads and other public easements over cer-

tain lands, was further considered, amended on motion of Mr. Hale of Boston, and ordered to a third reading.

**Bills :**

To incorporate the Nahant Land Company ;

To regulate the assessment of damages for land taken in the location of highways, in cases where the estate is encumbered by contingent remainders ;

To authorize the city of Chelsea and the town of Revere to construct a bridge across Chelsea Creek ;

To incorporate the West Springfield Aqueduct Company ;

To enable the town of Princeton to convey certain lands ; and

**Resolves :**

In favor of Georgianna Davis, guardian to Clara E. Attleton (amended on motion of Mr. Cummings of Somerville) ; and

In favor of the Hayden Tobacco Works ;

Were severally read and ordered to a third reading.

A Bill to authorize the dissolution of the Second Congregational Society in Medford, and for other purposes (amended on motion of Mr. Lawrence of Medford) ;

Was passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

**Bills :**

Authorizing improvements at the State Prison, and for other purposes (amended on motion of Mr. Kimball of Boston) ;

In addition to an Act to supply the city of Cambridge with pure water ;

To provide means for the completion of the Worcester Lunatic Hospital by the issue of scrip, and for the redemption of the same, and for other purposes ; and

**Resolves :**

In favor of the town of Beverly ;

In favor of George H. McAllister, guardian of Charles W. Stephenson ; and

In favor of Anna Coleman ;

Were severally passed to be engrossed, and sent up for concurrence.

A Bill providing for the election of selectmen, assessors and overseers of the poor in towns, was read and rejected.

The Bill to amend chapter 124 of the General Statutes,

relating to the arrest of persons on mesne process, was read a second time.

Mr. Pierce of Milton raised the point of order, that under the 47th rule of the House, the bill was improperly reported by the committee on Mercantile Affairs, and could not be considered. The rule provides that when a bill, order, etc., has been finally rejected, no measure substantially the same shall be introduced by any committee or member during the same session. It appeared that an order was adopted by the House, January 18, that the committee on the Judiciary consider the expediency of certain legislation. The committee reported that it was inexpedient to legislate, and the House, January 23, accepted the report. On the 9th of February, a bill was introduced, on leave, in the Senate, and referred to the committee on the Judiciary of that branch. That committee reported that the bill ought not to pass, but the Senate referred the bill to the joint committee on Mercantile Affairs, and the House, March 6, concurred in the reference. The last-named committee, March 24, reported in the House, in a new draft, the bill now under consideration.

The Speaker ruled that it appeared, on comparison of the order adopted by the House, January 18, and the bill now under consideration, that both proposed substantially the same legislation, and that the bill was therefore substantially the same "measure" as that proposed by the order; that the measure proposed by the order having been once finally rejected by the House, the same measure could not be again introduced, or reported in the House in the form of a bill; and that it made no difference how the subject-matter originated, or came before the committee reporting such bill. The Chair accordingly ruled that the point of order was well taken by the gentleman from Milton (Mr. Pierce), and the bill must be laid aside. And the bill was laid aside.

At 5.10, the House  
Adjourned.

THURSDAY, April 1, 1875.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer was offered by the Chaplain.

*Petitions Presented.*

**Rose Carpenter.** By Mr. Stearns of Boston, petition of Rose Carpenter for state aid. Referred, under suspension of the rule, to the committee on Claims.

Sent up for concurrence.

**Foster's Wharf Co.** On motion of Mr. Moseley of Boston, the vote was reconsidered whereby the House refused yesterday to suspend the 20th joint rule, that the petition of W. R. Clark and others for incorporation as Foster's Wharf Company might be referred to the committee on Mercantile Affairs, and the rule was suspended, and the petition was so referred.

Sent up for concurrence.

*Message from the Governor.***Fifty-fourth regiment.**

A message was received from the Governor, transmitting a copy of a letter from General R. S. Ripley, accompanying the flag of the fifty-fourth regiment of Massachusetts volunteers, and a copy of the letter of His Excellency in acknowledgment thereof. The communication and letters were read, and ordered to be printed as a House document, and sent to the Senate.

*Discharged from the Orders.***Executive chambers.**

On motion of Mr. Tompkins of Boston, the Resolve making an appropriation for the purpose of providing suitable furniture for the executive chambers, was discharged from the orders of the day and considered. The resolve was read a second time, and on motion of the same gentleman, the rules were suspended, and it was read a third time and passed to be engrossed, and sent at once to the Senate for concurrence, the title having been amended, on motion of Mr. Kimball of Boston, so as to read, "Resolve providing for suitable furniture for the executive chambers."

**Hour of meeting.**

On motion of Mr. Hill of Boston, the report of the committee on the Close of the Session, recommending the adoption of an Order fixing the hour of meeting of the

House, on and after April 6, at 11 o'clock, A. M., except on Mondays, was discharged from the orders and considered.

On motion of Mr. Osgood of Salem, the order was amended by inserting "April 13" instead of April 6, and as amended was adopted.

*Introduced on Leave.*

By Mr. Phillips of Salem, under suspension of the rule, a Bill to provide for the purchase of railroads sold on legal process or otherwise. Purchase of railroads.

By Mr. Rice of Worcester, under suspension of the rule, a Bill to amend chapter 372 of the Acts of the year 1874, relating to railroad crossings and bridges. Railroad crossings.

Severally read and referred to the committee on Railroads, and sent up for concurrence.

*Order.*

On motion of Mr. Davis of Enfield,—

*Ordered,* That the committee on Roads and Bridges have authority to visit Turner's Falls in investigation of the matter of a free bridge at that place, now under consideration. Committee on Roads and Bridges.

Sent up for concurrence.

*Papers from the Senate.*

Petitions of Palmer & Williams and 50 others, and of Stephen Dow & Co. and 107 others, severally in aid of the petition for the passage of an Act to incorporate the Boston and Chicago Railway Trust Company, were referred in concurrence to the committee on petition of Edward Crane and associates. E. Crane et al.

The Bill concerning the annual return of persons supported and relieved came down, the Senate insisting on its amendments, and asking for a committee of conference, appointing on its part Messrs. Gatchell, Edson and Verry. The House concurred in the request, and appointed on its part Messrs. Churchill of Boston, Flower of Agawam, and Curtis of Marlborough. Persons supported and relieved.

The report of the committee on Military Affairs, asking to be discharged from the consideration of the communication of the officers of the ninth regiment, M. V. M., and that it be referred to the joint special committee on the Visit of the Legislature to Concord and Lexington, Ninth regiment.



was read and accepted in concurrence, under suspension of the rule.

*Taken from the Table.*

North River.

On motion of Mr. Torrey of South Scituate, the Resolve relative to the fisheries in the North River and its tributaries was taken from the table. The House refused to substitute the bill moved by the same gentleman as an amendment, and the resolve was again passed to be engrossed and sent up for concurrence.

*Bills Enacted.*

Bills enacted.

Engrossed bills :

To legalize certain doings of the town of Carlisle ;  
(Which originated in the House ;) and

To enable the town of Plymouth to establish a sinking fund to meet the loan made to pay for its stock in the Duxbury and Cohasset Railroad Company ;  
(Which originated in the Senate ;)

Were severally passed to be enacted, signed, and sent to the Senate.

An engrossed Bill to regulate the sale of intoxicating liquors (which originated in the House), was considered.

After debate, the yeas and nays were ordered on the question of enactment, on motion of Mr. Boynton of Westborough, and the roll being called, the bill was passed to be enacted by a vote of 119 yeas to 82 nays, as follows :—

YEAS.

Messrs. James Abbe,  
Ebenezer Adams,  
Stephen M. Allen,  
Andrew Athy,  
Michael Atkinson,  
Giles G. Barker,  
John H. Blake,  
Stephen F. Blaney,  
Horace L. Bowker,  
Selwyn Z. Bowman,  
Osgood Bradley, Jr.,  
Wm. E. Bridgman,  
Wm. E. Bright,  
Samuel R. Brintnall,  
Isaac T. Burr,  
James H. Carleton,  
Michael Carney,

Messrs. William Carroll,  
Gardner A. Churchill,  
Charles R. Codman,  
Patrick Collins,  
Austin H. Connell,  
Owen Coogan,  
J. W. Coveney,  
John A. Cummings,  
Ben. C. Currier,  
William D. Curtis,  
Levi L. Cushing, Jr.,  
Benjamin F. Davis,  
Jacob W. Davis,  
Neil Doherty,  
James W. Dwyer,  
James E. Estabrook,  
Samuel Flower,

Messrs. John D. Flynn,  
William Frost,  
Henry W. Fuller,  
Charles L. Gardner,  
Albert W. Gaskill,  
James W. Gaylord,  
William M. Gaylord,  
Edward E. Gibbs,  
Charles H. Greene,  
Charles Hale,  
Nicholas Hatheway,  
George Haven,  
Nathan M. Hawkes,  
George Heywood,  
James E. Hill,  
Joseph W. Hill,  
Wm. A. Hodges,  
Henry T. Holmes,  
S. D. Hood,  
M. M. Hovey,  
Wm. B. Howard,  
Francis M. Hughes,  
Henry L. James,  
Thomas Johnson,  
George W. Jones,  
Philo Keith,  
Moses Kimball,  
William S. King,  
George P. Kingsley,  
Joel Knapp,  
William S. Knox,  
Daniel W. Lawrence,  
John B. Le Baron,  
James T. Mahony,  
James A. McDonald,  
Wm. B. Merrill,  
Southard H. Miller,  
Joseph Mitchell, 2d,  
John T. Morse,  
Frederick P. Moseley,  
Daniel Noonan,  
Charles S. Osgood,  
Joseph F. Paul,

Messrs. Chas. M. Peirce, Jr.,  
Wm. E. Perkins,  
Willard P. Phillips,  
James Pierce,  
Thomas F. Plunkett,  
Isaac Pratt, Jr.,  
Albert E. Rice,  
William W. Rice,  
J. C. Richmond,  
Wallace F. Robinson,  
Joseph S. Ropes,  
Nathaniel J. Rust,  
John Sanborn,  
Edward Sanderson,  
Chas. B. Sanford,  
Cyrus Savage,  
Ebenezer Sawyer,  
Nathaniel Seaver,  
John M. Seeley,  
Frederick P. Shaw,  
E. F. Smith,  
John L. Smith,  
E. A. Spaulding,  
Richard H. Stearns,  
John C. Stimpson,  
Isaac Stone,  
Dan'l J. Sweeney,  
Leonard A. Thayer,  
Wm. A. Thompson,  
Daniel H. Thurston,  
Dexter A. Tompkins,  
Byron Truell,  
Chas. R. Tucker, Jr.,  
Artemas S. Tyler,  
Cranmore N. Wallace,  
Felix G. Whitney,  
Henry M. Wilcox,  
E. Crosby Willard,  
Moses Williams, Jr.,  
William Winn,  
William Woods,  
Walter Wyman.

NAYS.

Messrs. Samuel Allen,  
Amasa W. Bailey,  
Daniel D. Bailey,  
Cyrus F. Baker,  
John I. Baker,

Messrs. Joseph H. Baker,  
George Beal,  
John H. Bell,  
William H. Bent,  
John Best,

Messrs. John C. Bickford,  
 Wm. E. Blunt,  
 Sylvester W. Bowen,  
 Reuben Boynton,  
 Wilbur F. Brigham,  
 Charles M. Brown,  
 William Chase,  
 Isaiah Churchill,  
 Augustine P. Cook,  
 Lowell Coolidge,  
 Francis C. Curtis,  
 Epes Davis,  
 Lewis Day,  
 Henry Dennis, Jr.,  
 George W. Dyer,  
 John B. Fairbanks,  
 Luther Fisk,  
 Alpheus Fobes,  
 Joseph Fobes,  
 Benjamin Gifford,  
 Levi L. Goodspeed,  
 Elbridge H. Goss,  
 Thomas T. Griggs,  
 Dexter Grose,  
 George Hall,  
 Solomon E. Hallett,  
 David E. Harding,  
 William A. Haskell,  
 Samuel R. Heywood,  
 E. Everett Holbrook,  
 Daniel P. Hopkinson,  
 Frederick G. Howes,  
 S. A. Jacobs,  
 Isaac N. Keith,  
 Ziba C. Keith,  
 Edward Kendall,

Messrs. Benj. F. Leighton,  
 Daniel J. Lewis,  
 Pliny T. Litchfield,  
 John D. Long,  
 Joseph T. Massey,  
 Edward S. May,  
 Samuel May,  
 Clement Meserve,  
 Henry S. Miner,  
 F. G. Morris,  
 George L. Newton,  
 Edward W. Noble,  
 Isaac N. Nutter,  
 Harrison D. Packard,  
 Chas. H. Pew, 2d,  
 Stephen C. Phinney,  
 Alanson B. Pomeroy,  
 Willard Putnam,  
 Geo. W. Reed,  
 Joshua C. Robinson,  
 John L. Robinson,  
 Charles A. Rogers,  
 Cyrus K. Russell,  
 John S. Ryder,  
 Isaiah A. Small,  
 Geo. D. Smalley,  
 Abraham H. Smith,  
 Lafayette Stevens,  
 Samuel Talbot, Jr.,  
 George H. Torrey,  
 Enoch H. Towne,  
 Albert J. Trull,  
 Joseph White,  
 Wilbur F. Whitney,  
 Nathan M. Wood,  
 John H. Woodbury,  
 Beverly.

Yeas, 119 ; nays, 82.

The bill was then signed and sent to the Senate.

### *Reports of Committees.*

Pure water in  
towns.

By Mr. Shaw of New Bedford, from the committee on Water Supply and Drainage, inexpedient to legislate, on an Order relative to the encouragement of introduction of pure water into towns and villages in the State.

Hawkes Brook.

By Mr. Ropes of Boston, from the same committee, leave to withdraw, on petition of the mayor of Lynn for an Act to increase the water supply of the city of Lynn by taking water from Hawkes Brook.

By Mr. Pratt of Boston, from the committee on Claims, James Woulfe. leave to withdraw, on petition of James Woulfe for aid on account of injuries received in the Hoosac Tunnel.

By the same gentleman, from the same committee, leave Sam'l Hillman. to withdraw, on petition of Samuel Hillman for aid on account of injuries received in the Hoosac Tunnel.

By Mr. Rice of Worcester, from the committee on the Betterments. Judiciary, inexpedient to legislate, on an Order relative to the repeal or modification of the laws concerning betterments.

Severally read and placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

By Mr. Rice of Worcester, from the committee on the Laborers on Judiciary, that the Bill (on leave) relating to laborers on railroads. railroads in process of construction ought not to pass.

By Mr. Allen of Walpole, from the committee on Eugene Glass. Claims, that the Resolve in favor of Eugene Glass ought not to pass.

Severally placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow, the question being on rejection.

By Mr. Davis of Enfield, from the committee on Roads Northampton. and Bridges, on petition of the selectmen and others of Northampton, a Resolve in favor of the town of Northampton.

Read and referred in course to the committee on Finance.

By Mr. Meserve of Hopkinton, from the committee on Executors and Probate and Chancery, on an order, a Bill to allow exec- administrators. utors and administrators, with the will annexed, to mortgage real estate of their testators.

By Mr. Osgood of Salem, from the same committee, Bristol county that the Senate Bill to authorize the county commissioners commissioners. of the county of Bristol to borrow money for improvement of county buildings in the northern district of said county, and for other purposes, ought to pass in a new draft, the title being as follows: Bill to authorize the county commissioners of Bristol County to take land, and for other purposes.

By Mr. Allen of Duxbury, from the committee on Everett and Towns, on petition of J. R. Fillebrown and others, a Bill Medford. to set off a part of the town of Everett to the town of Medford.

By Mr. Ropes of Boston, from the committee on Water

Cambridge and  
Somerville  
nuisances.

Supply and Drainage, on petition of citizens of Cambridge and Somerville, a Bill in addition to an Act for the abatement of a nuisance in the cities of Cambridge and Somerville, and for the preservation of the public health in said cities.

Contracts with  
city officers.

By Mr. Rice of Worcester, from the committee on the Judiciary, on an order, and bill on leave, a Bill relating to contracts with the officers of cities.

Committee ex-  
penditures.

By Mr. Kimball of Boston, from the committee on Finance, on an order, a Bill to amend chapter 309 of the Acts of the year 1869, entitled "An Act to provide for the proper auditing of legislative expenses."

Severally read and ordered to a second reading.

Haskins Ma-  
chine Co.

By Mr. James of Williamsburg, from the committee on Manufactures, that the Bill to change the name of the Haskins Machine Company ought to pass.

Placed in the orders of the day for a second reading to-morrow.

### *Orders of the Day.*

Orders of the  
day.

The report of the committee on the Judiciary, inexpedient to legislate, on an Order relative to making town clerks clerks of boards of assessors in the several towns in the Commonwealth, was accepted.

The report of the committee on Water Supply and Drainage, that the petition of Edward S. Rand, Jr., and others, for an Act of incorporation as the Dedham Water Company, be referred to the next General Court, was accepted and sent up for concurrence.

### **Bills :**

To amend section 35 of chapter 372 of the Acts of 1874, relative to subscriptions by cities to railroad stock (amended on motion of Mr. Kimball of Boston by substituting a Bill to repeal so much of chapter 372 of the Acts of the year 1874 as authorizes a city to subscribe for railroad stock or securities) ;

To revise and consolidate the charter of the city of Lowell (amended on motion of Mr. Carney of Boston) ;

To amend the 9th section of chapter 376 of the Acts of 1874, concerning lists of voters in cities ;

To authorize the town of Brookline to supply water to the city of Boston ;

To authorize the commissioners on public lands to release a certain parcel of land in East Boston ;

To authorize the Evangelical Congregational Society in East Cambridge to sell land and other property of the society, and to appropriate the proceeds of the sale; and

To authorize the South Bay Company to increase its capital stock;

Were severally read and ordered to a third reading.

Bills :

Concerning the acknowledgment of deeds in foreign countries ;

To enable the town of Princeton to convey certain lands ; and

Resolves :

In favor of the Hayden Tobacco Works ; and

In favor of Clara E. Attleton ;

Were severally read, passed to be engrossed, and sent up for concurrence.

The Bill concerning pickled fish and to amend chapter 49 of the General Statutes was read, and on motion of Mr. Fisk of Dennis was recommitted to the committee on the Fisheries, who, on motion of Mr. Phillips of Salem, were instructed to consider—

1. Whether the existing laws should not be so altered as to provide for the packing of fish in packages of other sizes than are now allowed.

2. Whether the salary of the inspector-general of fish should not be fixed by law and payable from the treasury, and all his fees and other emoluments paid into the treasury.

3. A schedule of the fees and other emoluments of the inspector-general of fish during each of the last five years.

At 5.20, the House

Adjourned.

FRIDAY, April 2, 1875.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer was offered by the Chaplain.

*Motion to Reconsider.*

Mr. Moseley of Boston moved to reconsider the vote whereby the House yesterday refused to suspend the rule to allow the reference of a Bill introduced by him con- Common carriers of grain.

cerning common carriers of grain to the committee on Railroads, and the motion was carried.

The question recurring on the motion to suspend the rule, it was lost, four-fifths not voting in its favor, and the bill was referred to the next General Court.

*Taken from the Table.*

**Nuisances.**

On motion of Mr. Codman of Boston, the Bill to provide for a lien upon real estate for the expense of the abatement of certain nuisances.

The same gentleman moved a further amendment to the bill, and pending its consideration the bill was, on motion of the same gentleman, placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

**Game laws.**

On motion of Mr. Flower of Agawam, the report of the committee on Agriculture, leave to withdraw, on petition of John Boyden and others, for amendment of the game laws.

The same gentleman moved to amend the report by substituting a Bill for the preservation of birds, birds' eggs and game.

Pending the amendment, the bill was, on motion of the same gentleman, placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

*Papers from the Senate.*

**Surgeon-General.**

The report of the committee on Military Affairs, inexpedient to legislate, on so much of the Governor's message as relates to the surgeon-general's department and the surgeon-general's report, was accepted in concurrence, under a suspension of the rule.

**Fall River—  
water bonds.**

The petition of the city of Fall River for the passage of an Act authorizing that city to issue additional water bonds was referred, in non-concurrence, to the next General Court, the House refusing to suspend the 20th joint rule, as moved by Mr. Hatheway of Fall River.

**Somerville  
burial-ground.**

The remonstrance of the selectmen and 657 citizens of Waltham against the petition of the city of Somerville for leave to establish a public burial-ground in said Waltham, was referred, in concurrence, to the committee on Towns.

**State detective  
force.**

*Ordered*, In concurrence, that a committee of two on the part of the Senate, with such as the House may join, be appointed, to inquire and report, as soon as may be, whether the provisions of section 14 of the Act of 1875,

entitled "An Act to establish a State detective force for the better enforcement of the laws" (Senate document, No. 21), have been complied with by the chief and other constables of the Commonwealth.

*Reports of Committees.*

By Mr. Harding of Mansfield, from the committee on Towns, leave to withdraw, on petition of David Coolidge and others in aid of the petition of W. A. Humphrey and others for reuniting the town of Brookline to the city of Boston. Brookline and Boston.

By the same gentleman, from the same committee, leave to withdraw, on petition of George Clark and others, property owners in Squantum, for the annexation of Squantum to Boston. Squantum.

By Mr. Copeland of Springfield, from the committee on Claims, leave to withdraw, on petition of Mary Lamb for state aid. Mary Lamb.

By Mr. Pope of Boston, from the committee on Insurance, leave to withdraw, on petition of the Ashfield Mutual Fire Insurance Company for leave to insure all classes of risks. Ashfield Ins. Co.

By Mr. Sanderson of Templeton, from the committee on Roads and Bridges, leave to withdraw, on petition of J. R. Fillebrown and others of Everett, for leave to bridge Malden River in said town. Malden River bridge.

Severally read and placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

By Mr. Codman of Boston, from the committee on the Judiciary, on petition of the mayor of the city of Boston, a Bill concerning the treasurer of the city of Boston, and to establish the office of collector of taxes for said city. Boston—treasurer and tax collector.  
Read and ordered to a second reading.

*Bills Enacted.*

Engrossed bills :

To annex a part of the town of Acushnet to the city of New Bedford ; Bills enacted.

To authorize the city of Fall River to fund its floating debt ;

Relating to the powers of associations for religious, charitable, benevolent and other like purposes ;

(Which severally originated in the House ;)

Were severally passed to be enacted, signed, and sent to the Senate.



**Resolves passed.** Engrossed resolves :  
In favor of Maria Gragg ; and  
Providing for suitable furniture for the executive chambers ;  
(Which severally originated in the House ;)  
Were passed, signed, and sent to the Senate.

*Orders of the Day.*

**Orders of the day.**

**Reports :**

Of committee on Claims, leave to withdraw, on petition of Samuel Hillman ; also

On petition of James Woulfe, severally for aid on account of injuries received in the Hoosac Tunnel ; and

Of committee on Water Supply and Drainage, inexpedient to legislate, on an Order relative to providing for the encouragement of the introduction of pure water into towns and villages in the State, were severally accepted and sent up for concurrence.

**Bills :**

To allow executors and administrators, with the will annexed, to mortgage real estate of their testators ;

To authorize the county commissioners of Bristol County to take land, and for other purposes ;

To change the name of the Haskins Machine Company ;

To set off a part of the town of Everett to the town of Medford ;

In addition to an Act for the abatement of a nuisance in the cities of Cambridge and Somerville, and for the preservation of the public health in said cities ;

To revise and amend the charter of the city of New Bedford (amended on motion of Messrs. Peirce and Shaw of New Bedford and Codman of Boston) ;

To amend the charter of the Plymouth County Railroad Company (amended on motion of Mr. Hale of Boston) ;

Were severally read and ordered to a third reading.

The Bill to supply the town of Watertown with pure water was read, amended on motion of Messrs. Morris of Watertown and Codman of Boston, and ordered to a third reading.

On motion of Mr. Long of Hingham, the title was amended so as to read "Bill to supply the towns of Watertown and Belmont with pure water."

**Bills :**

To fix the salary of the clerk of the municipal court of the South Boston district ;

To repeal so much of chapter 372 of the Acts of the year 1874 as authorizes a city to subscribe for railroad stock or securities ;

To authorize the town of Brookline to supply water to the city of Boston ;

To authorize the commissioners on public lands to release a certain parcel of land in East Boston ;

To authorize the Evangelical Congregational Society in East Cambridge to sell land and other property of the society, and to appropriate the proceeds of the sale ; and

To authorize the South Bay Company to increase its capital stock ;

Were severally read, passed to be engrossed, and sent up for concurrence.

**Bills :**

To authorize the city of Chelsea and the town of Revere to construct a bridge across Chelsea Creek ; and

To regulate the assessment of damages for land taken in the location of highways, in cases where the estate is encumbered by contingent remainders ;

Were severally read and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

The Bill in relation to fencing the Martha's Vineyard Railroad was read and rejected.

The Bill relating to laborers on railroads in process of construction was rejected, in accordance with the recommendation of the committee on the Judiciary.

The Resolve in favor of Eugene Glass was rejected, in accordance with the recommendation of the committee on Claims.

The Resolve providing for the enforcement of the laws relating to the schooling and hours of labor of children employed in manufacturing and mechanical establishments was read, and, on motion of Mr. Heywood of Worcester, was laid on the table.

The report of the committee on Finance, no legislation necessary, on an Order relative to the stock of the Commonwealth in the New York and New England Railroad Company was considered. Mr. Pierce of Milton moved to amend by substituting a Resolve relating to the advance or loan to the New York and New England Rail-

road Company, pending the consideration of which the House, at 5.15,  
Adjourned.

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SATURDAY, April 3, 1875.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer was offered by the Rev. Mr. Morris of Watertown, a member of the House.

*Reconsidered.*

Fall River—  
water bonds.

On motion of Mr. Hatheway of Fall River, the vote whereby the House yesterday refused to suspend the rule to allow the reference of the petition of the city of Fall River for leave to issue additional water bonds to committee on Mercantile Affairs, was reconsidered, and, the rule being suspended, the petition was so referred in concurrence.

*Introduced on Leave.*

State detective  
fees.

By Mr. Codman of Boston, under suspension of the rule, a Bill in relation to the fees and compensation of the State Detective Force. Read and referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

*Bills Enacted.*

Bills enacted.

Engrossed bills :

To amend the charter of the city of Newburyport ;  
Concerning the alteration of the limits of fire districts ;  
To amend chapter 42 of the Acts of the year 1871, relating to bonds in bastardy cases ; and

To authorize the town of Framingham to raise money for a centennial celebration of the events of the nineteenth day of April, 1775 ; •

(Which severally originated in the House ;)

Were severally passed to be enacted, signed, and sent to the Senate.

*Reports of Committees.*

Board of Agriculture.

By Mr. Rankin of Boston, from the committee on Printing, that the Order relative to printing two thousand extra copies of the report of the State Board of Agriculture ought not to be adopted. Read and placed in the orders of the day for Monday.

By Mr. Sanborn of Boston, from the committee on County taxes. County Estimates, on the estimates of the county commissioners for the several counties, a Resolve granting county taxes. Read and ordered to a second reading.

*Papers from the Senate.*

The petition of Phineas A. Stone and others in aid of E. Crane et als. the petition for the passage of an Act to incorporate the Boston and Chicago Railway Trust Company was referred in concurrence to the committee on petition of Edward Crane and associates.

The petition of the selectmen of the town of Marblehead, for authority to take a part of the common in said town as a site for a public hall, was referred in concurrence to the committee on Towns, under suspension of the 20th joint rule.

A bill to repeal chapter 308 of the Acts of 1874, relating to slaughter-houses and noxious and offensive trades, passed to be engrossed by the Senate, was read and referred, under the rule, to the committee on the Judiciary.

*Discharged from the Orders.*

On motion of Mr. Hawkes of Lynn, the report of the committee on Water Supply and Drainage, leave to withdraw, on petition of the mayor of Lynn for an Act to increase the water-supply of the city of Lynn by taking water from Hawkes Brook. Laid on the table.

On motion of Mr. Long of Hingham, the Bill to incorporate the West Springfield Aqueduct Company. Read, passed to be engrossed, and sent up for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. Ropes of Boston, the Bill to supply the towns of Watertown and Belmont with pure water. Read, passed to be engrossed in concurrence, and the title amended on motion of Mr. Ropes by striking out the words "and Belmont."

On motion of Mr. Kimball of Boston, the Bill to amend chapter 309 of the Acts of the year 1869, entitled "An Act to provide for the proper auditing of legislative expenses." Read, amended on motion of the same gentleman, ordered to a third reading, and under a suspension of the rules read a third time, passed to be engrossed, and sent up at once for concurrence.

*Orders of the Day.*

Orders of the  
day.

The report of the committee on the Judiciary, inexpedient to legislate, on an Order relative to repealing or modifying the laws relating to betterments, was accepted.

**Reports :**

Of the committee on Towns, leave to withdraw on petition of George Clark and others, that Squantum may be annexed to the city of Boston ; also

On petition of David Coolidge and others for an Act to re-unite the town of Brookline with the city of Boston ;

Of the committee on Claims, leave to withdraw, on petition of Joseph W. Fowle for remuneration for the use of the principle in rock-drilling of which he was the original inventor ; also

On petition of Mary Lamb for state aid ; and

Of the committee on Insurance, leave to withdraw, on petition of the Ashfield Mutual Fire Insurance Company, for leave to insure all classes of risks ;

Were severally accepted and sent up for concurrence.

The Senate Bill to provide for the appointment of a commission to investigate the question of the use of running streams as common sewers, in its relation to the public health, being found to involve the expenditure of public money, was referred in course to the committee on Finance.

The Bill providing for a survey of the Commonwealth was read, and, on motion of Mr. White of Williamstown, laid on the table.

The Bill in relation to estates held on condition was read, and, on motion of Mr. Meserve of Hopkinton, postponed for further consideration until Monday.

**Bills :**

Relating to contracts with officers of cities ; and

To amend an Act to incorporate the Boston Safe Deposit and Trust Company ;

Were severally read and ordered to a third reading.

**Bills :**

Making appropriations to meet certain expenditures authorized the present year, and for other purposes ;

To amend the 9th section of chapter 376 of the Acts of 1874, concerning lists of voters in cities ;

To allow executors and administrators, with the will annexed, to mortgage real estate of their testators ;

To authorize the county commissioners of Bristol County to take land, and for other purposes ;

To change the name of the Haskins Machine Company ;  
and

To revise and amend the charter of the city of New Bedford ;

Were severally read, passed to be engrossed, and sent up for concurrence.

The Bill to provide for religious instruction in prisons was read and considered.

On motion of Mr. Meserve of Hopkinton, the yeas and nays were ordered on the main question, and the roll being called, the Bill was ordered to a third reading by a vote of 64 yeas to 62 nays, as follows :—

YEAS.

Messrs. Samuel Allen,  
Andrew Athy,  
Michael Atkinson,  
John I. Baker,  
James Bergin,  
John Best,  
Frederick L. Bosworth,  
Selwyn Z. Bowman,  
Osgood Bradley, Jr.,  
Wilbur F. Brigham,  
Samuel R. Brintnall,  
Michael Carney,  
William Carroll,  
Patrick Collins,  
Austin H. Connell,  
Lowell Coolidge,  
John A. Cummings,  
Levi L. Cushing, Jr.,  
Lewis Day,  
Neil Doherty,  
C. W. Duggan,  
Edwin Ellis,  
John B. Fairbanks,  
John D. Flynn,  
Alpheus Fobes,  
H. W. Fuller,  
Albert W. Gaskill,  
Elbridge H. Goss,  
Dexter Grose,  
Charles Hale,  
William A. Haskell,  
Nicholas Hatheway,

Messrs. Nathan M. Hawkes,  
Joseph W. Hill,  
Salmon D. Hood,  
William B. Howard,  
Edward J. Johnson,  
Thomas Johnson,  
George P. Kingsley,  
Daniel W. Lawrence,  
James L. Locke,  
Samuel May,  
James A. McDonald,  
Wm. B. Merrill,  
Clement Meserve,  
Southard H. Miller,  
John T. Morse,  
Daniel Noonan,  
Isaac N. Nutter,  
Chas. S. Osgood,  
Chas. M. Peirce, Jr.,  
James Pierce,  
Richard Pope,  
George W. Reed,  
Charles A. Rogers,  
Joseph S. Ropes,  
Cyrus Savage,  
Ebenezer Sawyer,  
E. F. Smith,  
Daniel J. Sweeney,  
Leonard A. Thayer,  
Byron Truell,  
Cranmore N. Wallace,  
John H. Woodbury,  
Beverly.

**YAYS.**

**Messrs. Ebenezer Adams,**  
**John J. Babson,**  
**Cyrus F. Baker,**  
**Joseph H. Baker,**  
**John H. Bell,**  
**John H. Blake,**  
**Stephen F. Blaney,**  
**Wm. E. Blunt,**  
**Charles M. Brown,**  
**Gardner A. Churchill,**  
**Isaiah Churchill,**  
**Augustine P. Cook,**  
**Francis C. Curtis,**  
**Epes Davis,**  
**Henry Dennis, Jr.,**  
**George W. Dyer,**  
**Luther Fisk,**  
**Samuel Flower,**  
**William Frost,**  
**James W. Gaylord,**  
**Wm. M. Gaylord,**  
**Edward E. Gibbs,**  
**Benjamin Gifford,**  
**David E. Harding,**  
**George Haven,**  
**Samuel R. Heywood,**  
**William A. Hodges,**  
**Philo Keith,**  
**William Keith,**  
**Edward Kendall,**  
**Moses Kimball,**

**Messrs. William S. King,**  
**Daniel J. Lewis,**  
**John D. Long,**  
**Edward S. May,**  
**Henry S. Miner,**  
**F. G. Morris,**  
**Frederick P. Moseley,**  
**Edward W. Noble,**  
**Joseph F. Paul,**  
**Wm. E. Perkins,**  
**Chas. H. Pew, 2d,**  
**Stephen C. Phinney,**  
**Edward L. Pierce,**  
**J. C. Richmond,**  
**John L. Robinson,**  
**John S. Ryder,**  
**John Savery,**  
**Frederick P. Shaw,**  
**John L. Smith,**  
**Edwin A. Spaulding,**  
**Richard H. Stearns,**  
**Wm. A. Thompson,**  
**Daniel H. Thurston,**  
**Enoch H. Towne,**  
**Artemas S. Tyler,**  
**George M. Warren,**  
**Joseph White,**  
**E. Crosby Willard,**  
**Moses Williams, Jr.,**  
**William Winn,**  
**Walter Wyman.**

**Yeas, 64 ; nays, 62.**

The report of the committee on Finance, no legislation is necessary, on an Order relative to the stock of the Commonwealth in the New York and New England Railroad Company was further considered. The report was amended by substituting the Resolves relating to the advance or loan to the New York and New England Railroad Company, as moved by Mr. Pierce of Milton, and the resolves were read and ordered to a second reading.

**At 1.10, the House**  
**Adjourned.**

MONDAY, April 5, 1875.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer was offered by Rev. Mr. May of Leicester, a member of the House.

*Papers from the Senate.*

Bills :

Bills.

To authorize assignees of choses in actions to maintain suits upon them in their own name ;

Relating to coasting, the passage of vehicles over streets, and to itinerant musicians ; and

In relation to naturalization ;

Severally passed to be engrossed by the Senate, were severally read and referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

The House Bill to increase the salary of the sheriff of the county of Bristol came down referred to the committee on State Salaries and Expenditures, in which reference the House concurred.

Sheriff of Bristol County.

*Ordered*, In concurrence, that the committee on Claims be authorized to visit the Hoosac Tunnel in the investigation of the claims of Francis and Walter Shanly and Charles Burleigh.

Committee on Claims.

The joint Order providing for a commission to see if the provisions of the Bill to establish a state detective force have been complied with came down, with Messrs. Toland and Wardwell appointed on the part of the Senate, and Messrs. Long of Hingham, Brigham of Hudson, Towne of Worcester, Merrill of Boston, and Gaylord of Northampton were joined on the part of the House.

State detective force.

*Ordered*, In concurrence, that the commissioners on the revision of the tax laws be allowed the balance of the reports now in the document-room, the number not to exceed seventy-five.

Taxation.

*Ordered*, In concurrence, that the committee appointed to confer with the Governor as to the arrangements for the attendance of the Legislature at Concord and Lexington, on the 19th of April, be authorized to extend the hospitalities of the State to the President, Vice-President and members of the Cabinet, and to make all such arrangements as they may deem necessary and proper for the purpose of receiving and providing for their guests.

Nineteenth of April.



*Taken from the Table.*

Schooling and  
hours of labor.

On motion of Mr. Knox of Lawrence, the Resolve providing for the enforcement of the laws relating to schooling and hours of labor of children employed in manufacturing and mechanical establishments, was taken from the table and placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow, the question being on engrossment.

*Reports of Committees.*

Freemasonry.

By Mr. Codman of Boston, from the committee on the Judiciary, that the House should concur in the Senate amendment to the House Bill in addition to an Act to incorporate the Trustees of the Scottish rite of Freemasonry. Read, accepted under a suspension of the rule, and the amendment concurred in.

Crocker's Notes.

By Mr. Cushing of Cambridge, from the committee on Finance, asking to be discharged from the further consideration of an Order relative to the distribution of Crocker's Notes on the Statutes, and recommending that it be referred to the committee on the Judiciary. Read and accepted under a suspension of the rule.

Sandisfield and  
Monterey.

By Mr. Allen of Duxbury, from the committee on Towns, on petition of O. T. Stedman and others, a Bill to set off a part of the town of Sandisfield to the town of Monterey.

Municipal in-  
debtedness.

By Mr. Pierce of Milton, from the committee on the Judiciary, on an order, a Bill to regulate and limit municipal indebtedness.

Severally read and ordered to a second reading.

A. F. Howland.

By Mr. Cummings of Somerville, from the committee on Claims, on petition, a Resolve in favor of Albert Franklin Howland. Read and referred in course to the committee on Finance.

*Bills Enacted.*

Bills enacted.

Engrossed bills :

To authorize cities and towns to regulate the construction and use of water-pipes and water-fixtures ;

To amend chapter 393 of the Acts of the year 1874, relating to deposits in savings banks ;

Relating to the civil jurisdiction of the municipal courts of the city of Boston ;

Relative to the annual parade of the volunteer militia for the present year ;

To authorize the First Parish in Framingham to hold real estate for the purposes of a parsonage ;

To punish malicious injury to steam-mills ;

Authorizing the construction of branches and extensions by railroad corporations ;

(Which severally originated in the House ;) and

To authorize the dissolution of the Second Congregational Society in Medford, and for other purposes ;

(Which originated in the Senate ;)

Were severally passed to be enacted, signed, and sent to the Senate.

An engrossed Resolve in favor of the Deerfield Valley Resolve passed.  
Agricultural Society ;

(Which originated in the House ;)

Was passed, signed, and sent to the Senate.

### *Orders of the Day.*

The report of the committee on Roads and Bridges, Orders of the day.  
leave to withdraw, on petition of J. R. Fillebrown and others of Everett, for leave to bridge Malden River in said town, was accepted, and sent up for concurrence.

The Bill in relation to estates held on condition was read, and, on motion of Mr. Hale of Boston, was laid on the table.

Bills :

To incorporate the Nahant Land Company ;

To revise and consolidate the charter of the city of Lowell ;

To set off a part of the town of Everett to the town of Medford ;

In addition to an Act for the abatement of a nuisance in the cities of Cambridge and Somerville, and for the preservation of the public health in said cities ;

Were severally read, passed to be engrossed, and sent up for concurrence.

The Bill to amend an Act to incorporate the Boston Safe Deposit and Trust Company was read and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

The Bill relating to the location and construction of highways, railroads, and other public easements over certain lands, was read and considered.

Mr. Hale of Boston moved to amend by striking out all after the enacting clause, and inserting four new sections, which motion was carried.

On motion of Mr. Goss of Melrose, the title was amended so as to read "Bill relating to the location and construction of highways and railroads over public commons and parks."

The bill, as amended, was then passed to be engrossed, and sent up for concurrence.

The Bill to provide for a lien upon real estate for the expense of the abatement of certain nuisances was further considered. An amendment moved by Mr. Codman of Boston was adopted, and the bill, as amended, was rejected.

The report of the committee on Agriculture, leave to withdraw, on petition of John Boyden and others, for amendment of the game laws, was further considered.

The substitute bill, moved by Mr. Flower of Agawam as an amendment was rejected, and the report was accepted and sent up for concurrence.

At 5.20, the House  
Adjourned.

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TUESDAY, April 6, 1875.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer was offered by the Rev. Mr. Massey of Bellingham, a member of the House.

*Petitions Presented.*

**Hawkes Brook.** By Mr. Hawkes of Lynn, petition of John Wooldredge and 99 others of Lynn, in aid of the petition of the mayor of Lynn, relative to taking water from Hawkes Brook. Placed on file.

**E. Crane et al.** By Mr. Johnson of Nahant, petition of James N. Buffum and others of Lynn, in aid of the passage of an Act to incorporate the Boston and Chicago Railway Trust Company. Referred to the committee on petition of Edward Crane and associates.

**Boston—parks.** By Mr. Kimball of Boston, petition of Samuel C. Cobb, mayor of Boston, for the passage of an Act authorizing the city of Boston and adjoining cities and towns to take lands for public parks. Referred to the committee on Water Supply and Drainage, under suspension of the 20th joint rule.

Severally sent up for concurrence.

*Order.*

On motion of Mr. Perkins of Boston,—

*Ordered*, That the committee on Printing consider and report what disposition shall be made of the copies of the Sumner memorial, now deposited in the office of the State printers. Sumner Memorial volumes.

*Motion to Reconsider.*

Mr. Copeland of Springfield moved to reconsider the vote whereby the House yesterday accepted the report, leave to withdraw, of the committee on Agriculture, on petition of John Boyden and others for amendment of the game laws; but the motion was lost. Game laws.

*Papers from the Senate.*

The remonstrance of William B. Brown and others, against the petition of the selectmen of Marblehead for authority to take part of the common for a site for a public building, was referred, in concurrence, to the committee on Towns. Marblehead common.

The House Bill to fix the salary of the clerk of the municipal court of the South Boston district came down referred to the committee on State Salaries and Expenditures, in which reference the House concurred. So. Boston Municipal Court.

A Bill to provide for the prevention and abatement of nuisances, and the preservation of the public health in the city of Chelsea, passed to be engrossed by the Senate, was read and referred to the committee on the Judiciary. Chelsea.

A Bill establishing the salaries of the justice and clerk of the second district court in Bristol County, introduced on leave in the Senate, and referred by that branch to the committee on State Salaries and Expenditures, was referred, in non-concurrence, under the rule, to the next General Court. Justice and clerk 2d Bristol district.

A Resolve in favor of Owen McDonald, passed to be engrossed by the Senate, was read and referred, in course, to the committee on Finance. O. McDonald.

*Reports of Committees.*

By Mr. Blaney of Peabody, from the committee on Finance, asking to be discharged from the further consideration of the Resolve in favor of Harmon Hall. Harmon Hall.

By Mr. Kimball of Boston, from the same committee, asking to be discharged from the further consideration of State Reform School.

the Resolve providing for enlarged accommodations and classification of the inmates of the State Reform School at Westborough.

Northampton.

By Mr. Cushing of Cambridge, from the same committee, asking to be discharged from the further consideration of the Resolve in favor of the town of Northampton.

The reports were severally read, the committee discharged in each case, and the resolves severally placed in the orders of the day for a second reading to-morrow.

Board of Education—school laws.

By Mr. White of Williamstown, from the committee on Education, on the annual report of the Board of Education, a Resolve providing for printing the report of the Board of Education and the laws relating to public schools.

Ellen Woods.

By Mr. Lewis of Fairhaven, from the committee on Claims, on petition, a Resolve in favor of Ellen Woods.

Priscilla Freeman.

By Mr. Pratt of Boston, from the same committee, on petition recommitted, a Resolve in favor of Priscilla Freeman.

J. H. Look.

By Mr. Cummings of Somerville, from the same committee, on petition, a Resolve in favor of James H. Look.

Board of State Charities.

By Mr. Miner of Phillipston, from the committee on State Salaries and Expenditures, on an order, a bill relating to certain officers of the Board of State Charities.

Tewksbury Almshouse.

By Mr. Sanborn of Boston, from the same committee, on an order, a Bill relating to certain officers and employés at the Tewksbury Almshouse.

Sergeant-at-Arms' employés.

By Mr. Whitney of Ashburnham, from the same committee, on an order, a Bill in relation to the salaries of employés of the Sergeant-at-Arms.

Savings Bank Commissioner.

By Mr. Keith of Brockton, from the same committee, on an order, a Bill relating to the commissioner of savings banks.

Severally read and referred in course to the committee on Finance.

Brookline—loan.

By Mr. Morse of Boston, from the committee on the Judiciary, that the Senate Bill to authorize the town of Brookline to borrow money to pay for the construction of sewers, and for the establishment of a sinking fund, ought to pass.

Court practice.

By Mr. Knox of Lawrence, from the same committee, that the Senate Bill repealing sections 1 and 3 of chapter 248 of the Acts of the year 1874, relating to some of the rules of practice in the supreme judicial and superior courts, ought to pass.

By Mr. Kimball of Boston, from the committee on J. C. Vaughn. Finance, that the Senate Resolve in favor of Jerrie C. Vaughn ought to pass.

By Mr. Whitney of Ashburnham, from the same committee, that the Resolve in favor of Isabell Campbell. Isabell Campbell ought to pass.

By Mr. Blaney of Peabody, from the same committee, that the Resolve in favor of Company F, 2d regiment. company F, second regiment infantry, Massachusetts volunteer militia, ought to pass.

By Mr. Cushing of Cambridge, from the same committee, that the Resolve in favor of R. F. Andrews. Richard F. Andrews ought to pass.

By Mr. Whitney of Ashburnham, from the same committee, that the Resolve in favor of George H. Hall. George H. Hall ought to pass.

By Mr. Stearns of Boston, from the same committee, that the Resolve in favor of A. F. Howland. Albert Franklin Howland ought to pass.

By the same gentleman, from the same committee, that the Resolve in favor of L. A. De Ribas. Louis A. De Ribas ought to pass.

Severally placed in the orders of the day for a second reading to-morrow.

By Mr. Massey of Bellingham, from the committee on Middleborough and Taunton Precinct Soc. Middleborough and Taunton Precinct Society, on petition, a Bill to change the name of the Middleborough and Taunton Precinct Society, and for other purposes.

By Mr. White of Williamstown, from the committee on Employment of children. Education, on the annual report of the Board of Education, a Bill relating to the employment of children, and regulations respecting them.

By Mr. Carrier of Newburyport, from the committee on Rockport Water Co. Water Supply and Drainage, on petition of Amos Rowe and others, a Bill to incorporate the Rockport Water Company.

By Mr. Flower of Agawam, from the committee on Forest trees. Agriculture, on an order recommitted to the committee, a Bill to encourage the growth and preservation of forest trees.

Severally read and ordered to a second reading.

By Mr. Kendall of Cambridge, from the committee on Board of Health. Public Buildings, asking to be discharged from the further consideration of an Order relative to providing a room or rooms for the State Board of Health, and that the same be referred to the committee on the State House. Read,

accepted under suspension of the rule, and sent up for concurrence in the reference.

Nantucket  
ponds.

By Mr. Codman of Boston, from the committee on the Judiciary, that there is no constitutional objection to the passage of the law asked for in petition of C. F. Coffin and others prohibiting the drawing of seines or nets in the ponds on the island of Nantucket, and recommending the recommitment of the petition to the committee on the Fisheries. Read and accepted, under suspension of the rule.

Religious soci-  
eties.

By Mr. Codman of Boston, from the committee on the Judiciary, inexpedient to legislate on an Order relative to enabling religious societies to borrow and lend money.

Boston—relief  
for poor.

By Mr. Churchill of Boston, from the committee on Public Charitable Institutions, inexpedient to legislate, on an Order relative to authorizing the city of Boston to furnish additional temporary relief for the poor.

Severally read and placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

Peabody Square  
—E. R. R.

By Mr. Phillips of Salem, from the committee on Railroads, on petition of W. O. Batchelder and others, a Bill in relation to the obstruction of Peabody Square by the tracks of the Eastern Railroad Company.

Under a suspension of the rules, the bill had its several readings, was passed to be engrossed, and sent up for concurrence.

#### *Orders of the Day.*

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day.

The report of the committee on Printing, that the Order relative to printing two thousand extra copies of the report of the State Board of Agriculture ought not to be adopted, was accepted, and the order was rejected.

The Resolve granting county taxes was read, and, on motion of Mr. Sanborn of Boston, was laid on the table.

The Bill concerning the treasurer of the city of Boston, and to establish the office of collector of taxes for said city, was read, amended on motion of Mr. Codman of Boston, and as amended was ordered to a third reading.

The Bill to amend the charter of the Plymouth County Railroad Company was read and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

The Bill relating to contracts with the officers of cities was read, amended on motion of Mr. Churchill of Boston, and as amended was passed to be engrossed, and sent up for concurrence.



On motion of the same gentleman, the title was amended so as to read "An Act relating to contracts with certain public officers."

The Resolves relating to the advance or loan to the New York and New England Railroad Company were read, amended on motion of Messrs. Hale of Boston, Pierce of Milton, and Rice of Worcester, and as amended were, on motion of Mr. Stearns of Boston, indefinitely postponed.

The Bill to provide for religious instruction in prisons was read and considered.

Pending a motion to indefinitely postpone the bill, made by Mr. Pierce of Milton, the House, at 5.10,  
Adjourned.

WEDNESDAY, April 7, 1875.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer was offered by the Rev. Mr. Noble of Truro, a member of the House.

#### *Orders.*

On motion of Mr. Hale of Boston,—

*Ordered*, That His Excellency the Governor and the Honorable Council be requested to communicate to this House an estimate of the sums of money, if any, which in their judgment should be appropriated at the present session of the Legislature in order to enable them to perform the duties imposed on them under the provisions of chapter 77 of the Acts of the present year entitled "An Act to provide for the management of the Hoosac Tunnel and the Troy and Greenfield Railroad, and for other purposes."

On motion of Mr. Churchill of Boston,—

*Ordered*, That the committee on Investigation of Repairs of the State House be authorized to report in print. Sent up for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. Miner of Phillipston, the committee on State Salaries and Expenditures were allowed to withdraw a Bill relating to the commissioner of savings banks, reported yesterday and referred to committee on Finance.

#### *Papers from the Senate.*

Petitions of Sumner Pratt, Warren McFarland, Loring Coes & Company, Smith Woollen Company, and 3,089



others, legal voters of the city of Worcester; of Judkins, McCullough and others; of Charles Cole, Jr., and others; of John Roche and others; of William Claflin and others; of Nazro & Company and others; and of A. F. Wheaton and others, severally in aid of the petition for the passage of an Act to incorporate the Boston and Chicago Railway Trust Company, were severally referred in concurrence to the committee on petition of Edward Crane and associates.

Weights and  
measures.

A Bill to authorize the collection of the price of goods, wares and merchandise sold by unsealed weights and measures, or measured by an unsworn measurer, passed to be engrossed by the Senate, was read and referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

Census.

A Resolve to provide compensation for obtaining the census and industrial statistics of the Commonwealth for the year 1875, passed to be engrossed by the Senate, was read and referred to the committee on Finance.

Lowell Horse  
R. R. Co.

A Bill authorizing the Lowell Horse Railroad Company to lease or sell its road, passed to be engrossed by the Senate, was read and ordered to a second reading.

### *Bills Enacted.*

Bills enacted.

Engrossed bills:

To authorize the leasing of great ponds in Dukes County;

Making appropriations for certain educational expenses;

In addition to an Act to incorporate the trustees of the Scottish rite of Freemasonry;

To supply the town of Southbridge with pure water;

Relating to institutions for the education of the deaf and dumb;

Concerning the shell-fisheries in the towns of Swansea and Somerset;

(Which severally originated in the House;) and

To authorize the city of Chelsea and town of Revere to construct a bridge across Chelsea Creek;

To regulate the assessment of damages for land taken in the location of highways in cases where the estate is encumbered by contingent remainders;

(Which severally originated in the Senate;)

Were severally passed to be enacted, signed, and sent to the Senate.

*Taken from the Table.*

On motion of Mr. Smalley of Harwich, the report of the committee on the Fisheries, leave to withdraw, on petition of the selectmen of Swansea for an extension of time for fishing in Palmer's River. Accepted, and sent up for concurrence.

*Reports of Committees.*

By Mr. Sanborn of Boston, from the committee on State Salaries and Expenditures, inexpedient to legislate, on an Order relative to fees of registers of deeds and clerks of state courts.

Swansea—  
Palmer's River.

Fees of registers  
of deeds and  
clerks.

By Mr. Codman of Boston, from the committee on the Judiciary, leave to withdraw, on petition of J. Newton Pike and others for extension of authority to towns to give aid to disabled soldiers.

J. N. Pike—  
town aid to sol-  
diers.

Severally read and placed in the orders of the day for Friday.

By Mr. Knox of Lawrence, from the committee on the Judiciary, on an order, a Bill to prevent fraud at elections in cities.

Fraud at elec-  
tions.

By Mr. Gardner of Palmer, from the same committee, on an order, a Bill to authorize aqueduct corporations to increase their capital stock.

Aqueduct corpo-  
rations.

By Mr. Osgood of Salem, from the committee on Probate and Chancery, on a bill on leave, a Bill relating to the probate office of the county of Suffolk.

Suffolk probate  
office.

By Mr. Hawkes of Lynn, from the committee on Mercantile Affairs, on petition of W. R. Clark and others, a Bill to incorporate Foster's Wharf Company.

Foster's Wharf  
Co.

Severally read and ordered to a second reading.

By Mr. Allen of Walpole, from the committee on Claims, on petition, a Resolve in favor of company G, second regiment infantry, Massachusetts volunteer militia.

Company G, 2d  
regiment.

By Mr. Holden of Westminster, from the same committee, on petition, a Resolve in favor of the city of Fitchburg.

Fitchburg.

Severally read and referred in course to the committee on Finance.

By Mr. Codman of Boston, from the committee on the Judiciary, that the Senate Bill concerning manufacturing and other corporations ought to pass, with certain amendments.

Manufacturing  
and other corpo-  
rations.

Coasting, etc.

By the same gentleman, from the same committee, that the Senate Bill relating to coasting, the passage of vehicles over streets in cities and towns, and to itinerant musicians, ought to pass.

Severally placed in the orders of the day for a second reading on Friday.

Naturalization.

By Mr. Codman of Boston, from the committee on the Judiciary, that the Senate Bill in relation to naturalization ought not to pass. Placed in the orders of the day for Friday, the question being on its rejection.

### *Orders of the Day.*

Orders of the day.

The report of the committee on the Judiciary, inexpedient to legislate, on an Order relative to enabling religious societies to borrow and lend money, was accepted.

#### Bills :

To incorporate the Rockport Water Company ; and

To authorize the town of Brookline to borrow money to pay for the construction of sewers, and for the establishment of a sinking fund ; and

#### Resolves :

In favor of Albert Franklin Howland ;

In favor of Richard F. Andrews ;

In favor of company F, second regiment infantry, Massachusetts volunteer militia ;

In favor of George H. Hall ; and

In favor of Jerrie C. Vaughn ;

Were severally read and ordered to a third reading.

A Bill concerning the treasurer of the city of Boston, and to establish the office of collector of taxes for said city, was read, passed to be engrossed, and sent up for concurrence.

A Bill relating to the employment of children, and regulations respecting them, was, on motion of Mr. White of Williamstown, discharged from the orders of the day and laid on the table.

The Bill to provide for religious instruction in prisons was further considered, amended on motion of Mr. Pierce of Malden, and passed to be engrossed in concurrence, and was sent up for concurrence in the amendments.

The Bill to regulate and limit municipal indebtedness was read and considered.

Pending the consideration of amendments moved by

Messrs. White of Williamstown, Martin of Adams, and Long of Hingham, the orders of the day were, on motion of Mr. Pierce of Malden, laid on the table.

At 4.55, the House adjourned until Friday.

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FRIDAY, April 9, 1875.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer was offered by the Rev. Mr. Massey of Bellingham, a member of the House.

*Petition Presented.*

By Mr. Miller of Fall River, petition of the city of Fall River for the passage of an Act amending the charter of said city. Referred, under the 20th joint rule, to the next General Court. Fall River—  
charter.

*Introduced on Leave.*

By Mr. Perkins of Boston, under suspension of the rule, a Bill to amend chapter 99 of the Acts of 1875 concerning the powers and duties of license commissioners. Read and referred to the committee on the Liquor Law, and sent up for concurrence. License com-  
missioners.

By Mr. Bowman of Somerville, under suspension of the rule, a Bill to enable non-resident guardians to obtain property in this State belonging to their wards residing in other States or Territories of the United States. Read and referred to committee on Probate and Chancery. Non-resident  
guardians.

By Mr. Bent of Wayland, under suspension of the rule, a Bill to authorize the town of Wayland to raise money by taxation for celebrating the centennial anniversary of the battle of Lexington. Wayland.

The bill was read, and under the suspension of the rule, moved by Mr. Allen of Duxbury, took its several readings, was passed to be engrossed, and sent up for concurrence.

*Paper from the Senate.*

A Bill to provide a further supply of water to the city of Cambridge, passed to be engrossed by the Senate, was read and ordered to a second reading. Cambridge—  
water.

*Bill Enacted.***Bill enacted.**

An engrossed Bill to amend an Act to incorporate the Boston Safe Deposit and Trust Company ;  
 (Which originated in the Senate ;)  
 Was passed to be enacted, signed, and sent to the Senate.

**Resolve passed.**

An engrossed Resolve in favor of the Disabled Soldiers' Employment Bureau ;  
 (Which originated in the House ;)  
 Was passed, signed, and sent to the Senate.

*Reports of Committees.***Candy-selling.**

By Mr. Morse of Boston, from the committee on the Judiciary, inexpedient to legislate, on an Order relative to that form of gambling known as candy-selling.

**Boston Police Relief Association.**

By Mr. Codman of Boston, from the same committee, leave to withdraw, on petition of D. L. Thompson and others for an Act of incorporation as the Boston Police Relief Association.

**Internations Manufacturing Co.**

By Mr. Grose of Abington, from the committee on Manufactures, leave to withdraw, on petition of Lyman Gould and others to be incorporated under the name of the "Internations Manufacturing Company."

**Sheriff of Nantucket County.**

By Mr. Miner of Phillipston, from the committee on State Salaries and Expenditures, inexpedient to legislate, on an Order relative to increasing the salary of the sheriff of the county of Nantucket.

**Vineyard Haven harbor-master.**

By Mr. Perkins of Boston, from the committee on Harbors, that the order relative to creating the office of harbor-master for the harbor of Vineyard Haven, be referred to the next General Court.

Severally read and placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

**Crocker's Notes.**

By Mr. Heywood of Concord, from the committee on the Judiciary, on an order, a Resolve to authorize the purchase and distribution of Crocker's Notes on the General Statutes of Massachusetts.

**State Almshouse.**

By Mr. Haven of Framingham, from the committee on Public Charitable Institutions, on estimates of the Inspectors of that institution, a Resolve in favor of the State Almshouse at Tewksbury.

**Fishway.**

By Mr. Hillman of Chilmark, from the committee on the Fisheries, on an order, a Resolve relating to the im-

provement of the fishway in the Merrimack River at Lawrence.

By Mr. Keith of Brockton, from the committee on State Salaries and Expenditures, on an order, a Bill relating to certain employés at the State Workhouse at Bridgewater. State Workhouse.

By Mr. Sanborn of Boston, from the same committee, a Bill relating to certain employés in the Bureau of the Statistics of Labor. Labor bureau.

Severally read and referred, in course, to the committee on Finance.

By Mr. Codman of Boston, from the committee on the Judiciary, that the Senate Bill to repeal chapter 308 of the Acts of 1874, relating to slaughter-houses and noxious and offensive trades, ought not to pass. Slaughter-houses.

By the same gentleman, from the same committee, that the Senate Bill to amend chapter 316 of the Acts of the year 1874, to establish the First District Court of Plymouth, ought not to pass. First District Court of Plymouth.

By the same gentleman, from the same committee, that the Bill (on leave) in relation to the fees and compensation of the State Detective Force ought not to pass. State detective fees.

By Mr. Knox of Lawrence, from the same committee, that the Bill (on leave) to amend chapter 259 of the Acts of the year 1872, relative to the establishment of polls and estates of the several cities and towns in the Commonwealth, ought not to pass. Polls and estates.

Severally read and placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow, the question in each case being on rejection.

By Mr. Codman of Boston, from the committee on the Judiciary, that the Senate Bill to provide for the prevention and abatement of nuisances, and the preservation of the public health in the city of Chelsea, ought to pass. Chelsea nuisances.

By the same gentleman, from the same committee, that the Senate Bill to amend chapter 415 of the Acts of the year 1869, concerning the manufacture and sale of intoxicating liquors, ought to pass. Manufacture and sale of liquor.

By Mr. Gardner of Palmer, from the same committee, that the Bill to authorize the collection of the price of goods, wares and merchandise sold by unsealed weights and measures, or measured by an unsworn measurer, ought to pass. Unsealed weights and measures.

By Mr. Knox of Lawrence, from the same committee, that the Senate Bill to authorize assignees of choses in Choses in action.

action to maintain suits upon them in their own name ought to pass.

Severally placed in the orders of the day for a second reading to-morrow.

Suffolk—second  
assistant dis-  
trict-attorney.

By Mr. Codman of Boston, from the committee on the Judiciary, on the report of the Attorney-General, a Bill to abolish the office of second assistant district-attorney for the Suffolk district.

Challenging of  
jurors.

By Mr. Morse of Boston, from the same committee, on report of the Attorney-General, a Bill concerning the challenging of jurors.

Fidelity Assur-  
ance Co.

By Mr. Pope of Boston, from the committee on Insurance, that the Bill to incorporate the Fidelity Assurance Company ought to pass in a new draft.

So. Abington,  
E. Bridgewater  
and Brockton.

By Mr. Allen of Duxbury, from the committee on Towns, on petition of E. Y. Heywood and others, a Bill to annex a portion of the towns of South Abington and East Bridgewater to the town of Brockton; also, a portion of the town of Brockton to the town of South Abington.

Impounding  
reservoirs.

By Mr. Carrier of Newburyport, on report of the joint special committee on the supervision, construction and maintenance of Impounding Reservoirs, a Bill to provide for the supervision of the construction and maintenance of reservoirs and dams.

Severally read and ordered to a second reading.

Inspector-Gen-  
eral of Fish.

By Mr. Hillman of Chilmark, from the committee on the Fisheries, to whom was recommitted, with certain instructions, the House Bill concerning pickled fish, and to amend chapter 49 of the General Statutes, a schedule of fees received by the Inspector-General of Fish for eight years ending August 24, 1874, and a statement of seizures. The committee also reported that the bill ought to pass in a new draft. Read and ordered to a second reading.

Messrs. Fitz of the Senate and Dennis of the House, a minority of the committee, dissented from the report, and recommended the passage of a Bill to amend chapter 49 of the General Statutes in relation to the inspection of fish.

### *Orders of the Day.*

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day.

The report of the committee on the Judiciary, leave to withdraw, on petition of J. Newton Pike and others for

extension of authority to towns to give aid to disabled soldiers was accepted.

The report of the committee on Public Charitable Institutions, inexpedient to legislate, on an Order relative to authorizing the city of Boston to furnish additional temporary relief for the poor, was accepted and sent up for concurrence.

**Bills :**

To incorporate Foster's Wharf Company ;

To authorize aqueduct corporations to increase their capital stock ;

To change the name of the Middleborough and Taunton Precinct Society, and for other purposes ;

To set off a part of the town of Sandisfield to the town of Monterey ; and

**Resolves :**

In favor of Louis A. De Ribas ;

In favor of Isabell Campbell ;

Providing for enlarged accommodation and classification of the inmates of the State Reform School at Westborough ;

Were severally read and ordered to a third reading.

A Bill to incorporate the Rockport Water Company ; and

**Resolves :**

In favor of Albert Franklin Howland ;

In favor of Richard F. Andrews ;

In favor of George H. Hall ; and

In favor of company F, second regiment infantry, Massachusetts volunteer militia ;

Were severally read, passed to be engrossed, and sent up for concurrence.

A Bill to authorize the town of Brookline to borrow money to pay for the construction of sewers, and for the establishment of a sinking fund (amended on motion of Mr. Williams of Brookline) ; and

A Resolve in favor of Jerrie C. Vaughn ;

Were severally passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

The Bill to regulate and limit municipal indebtedness was further considered. Pending amendments moved by Messrs. White of Williamstown, Martin of Adams, Long of Hingham, and Ropes of Boston, the bill was, on motion of Mr. Kimball of Boston, recommitted to the committee on the Judiciary.



The Resolve providing for the enforcement of the laws relating to the schooling and hours of labor of children employed in manufacturing and mechanical establishments was further considered.

On motion of Mr. Connell of Boston, the yeas and nays were ordered on the question of passing the resolve to be engrossed ; and the roll being called, it was rejected by a vote of 47 yeas to 55 nays, as follows :—

## YEAS.

Messrs. Ebenezer Adams,  
Stephen M. Allen,  
Andrew Athy,  
Amasa W. Bailey,  
Cyrus F. Baker,  
John I. Baker,  
Joseph H. Baker,  
John H. Bell,  
Wm. H. Bent,  
John Best,  
John H. Blake,  
Osgood Bradley, Jr.,  
Wilbur F. Brigham,  
Austin H. Connell,  
Neil Doherty,  
John D. Flynn,  
James W. Gaylord,  
Nicholas Hatheway,  
Joseph W. Hill,  
Henry T. Holmes,  
Salmon D. Hood,  
Wm. B. Howard,  
Thomas Johnson,  
Isaac N. Keith,

Messrs. Edward Kendall,  
Wm. S. King,  
Geo. P. Kingsley,  
Wm. S. Knox,  
John D. Long,  
James T. Mahony,  
Samuel May,  
Wm. B. Merrill,  
Daniel Noonan,  
Charles S. Osgood,  
Chas. H. Pew, 2d,  
Edward B. Rankin,  
John Sanborn,  
Ebenezer Sawyer,  
Albert Smith,  
Edward F. Smith,  
John C. Stimpson,  
Dan'l J. Sweeney,  
Daniel H. Thurston,  
Byron Truell,  
Artemas S. Tyler,  
Austin C. Wellington,  
John H. Woodbury,  
Beverly.

## NAYS.

Messrs. John J. Babson,  
Stephen F. Blaney,  
Frederick L. Bosworth,  
Sylvester W. Bowen,  
Selwyn Z. Bowman,  
Wm. E. Bright,  
Samuel R. Brintnall,  
Isaac T. Burr,  
Gardner A. Churchill,  
Charles R. Codman,  
A. B. Coffin,  
Augustine P. Cook,

Messrs. Francis C. Curtis,  
Levi L. Cushing, Jr.,  
Epes Davis,  
Edwin Ellis,  
Samuel Flower,  
William Frost,  
Charles L. Gardner,  
Wm. M. Gaylord,  
Charles Hale,  
George Hall,  
William A. Haskell,  
George Haven,

Messrs. George Heywood,  
Beriah T. Hillman,  
Frederick G. Howes,  
Wm. Keith,  
Moses Kimball,  
Daniel W. Lawrence,  
Pliny T. Litchfield,  
James L. Locke,  
Joseph T. Massey,  
Henry S. Miner,  
Joseph Mitchell, 2d,  
Edward W. Noble,  
William E. Perkins,  
Willard P. Phillips,  
Edward L. Pierce,  
James Pierce,

Messrs. Thomas F. Plunkett,  
Willard Putnam,  
William W. Rice,  
Thomas Rich,  
Joseph S. Ropes,  
Cyrus K. Russell,  
Isaiah A. Small,  
John L. Smith,  
Isaac Stebbins,  
Lafayette Stevens,  
Edmond M. Vincent,  
George M. Warren,  
William Winn,  
Wm. Woods,  
Walter Wyman.

Yeas, 47 ; nays, 55.

The Resolve in favor of the town of Northampton was read, and pending its consideration, the House, at 5.10, Adjourned.

SATURDAY, April 10, 1875.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer was offered by the Rev. Mr. Warren, chaplain of the Senate.

*Petition Presented.*

By Mr. Kingsley of Boston, petition of Levi H. Straw E. Crane et als. and others, in aid of the petition for the passage of an Act to incorporate the Boston and Chicago Railway Trust Company. Referred to the committee on petition of Edward Crane and associates, and sent up for concurrence.

*Taken from the Table.*

On motion of Mr. Kimball of Boston, the Bill relating Employment of children. to the employment of children, and regulations respecting them. Placed in the orders of the day for Monday, the question being on ordering to a third reading.

*Introduced on Leave.*

By Mr. Meserve of Hopkinton, a Bill to amend chapter Boston and Hopkinton— 177 of the Acts of the year 1872, authorizing the city of water-supply.

Boston to obtain an additional supply of pure water. Read and referred to the committee on Water Supply and Drainage, under suspension of 20th joint rule.

Sent up for concurrence.

Waltham—centennial.

By Mr. Bright of Waltham, under suspension of 20th joint rule, a Bill to authorize the town of Waltham to raise money for a centennial celebration of the events of the nineteenth day of April, 1775. The bill was read, and, under a suspension of the rule, moved by the same gentleman, took its several readings, was passed to be engrossed, and sent up for concurrence.

*Motion to Reconsider.*

Schooling and labor of children.

Mr. Hill of Boston moved to reconsider the vote whereby the House yesterday rejected the Resolve providing for the enforcement of the laws relating to the schooling and hours of labor of children employed in manufacturing and mechanical establishments.

After debate, on motion of Mr. Knox of Lawrence, the further consideration of the motion was postponed until Tuesday.

*Papers from the Senate.*

J. B. Collingwood.

The petition of James B. Collingwood, for indemnity for expenses incurred as a state constable, under section 64, chapter 415, Acts of 1869, was referred, in non-concurrence, under the rule, to the next General Court.

Ninth regiment.

The report of the joint committee of arrangements on the 19th of April, to whom was referred the communication of the ninth regiment, M. V. M., tendering its services as escort to the Legislature, that such services would not be required, and asking authority to extend the thanks of the Legislature to the regiment for its offer, was read and accepted, in concurrence, under suspension of the rule.

A. Withington.

The report of the committee on Claims, leave to withdraw on petition of Alonzo Withington for state aid, accepted by the Senate, was read and placed in the orders of the day for Monday.

Rowley—First Parish.

A Bill to authorize the First Parish in Rowley to sell real estate, passed to be engrossed by the Senate, was read and ordered to a second reading.

*Orders of the Day.*

Orders of the day.

Reports :

Of the committee on the Judiciary, inexpedient to legis-

late, on an Order relative to that form of gambling known as candy-selling; and

Leave to withdraw, on petition of D. L. Thompson, praying for an Act of incorporation as the Boston Police Relief Association;

Were severally accepted.

**Reports :**

Of the committee on Manufactures, leave to withdraw, on petition of Lyman Gould and others, to be incorporated under the name of the "Oriental Internations Manufacturing Company";

Of the committee on State Salaries and Expenditures, inexpedient to legislate, on an Order relative to increasing the salary of the sheriff of the county of Nantucket; and

Of the committee on Harbors, that the Order relative to creating the office of harbor-master for the harbor of Vineyard Haven be referred to the next General Court;

Were severally accepted and sent up for concurrence.

**Bills :**

To amend chapter 316 of the Acts of the year 1874, to establish the First District Court of Plymouth; and

In relation to the fees and compensation of the state detective force;

Were severally rejected, in accordance with the recommendation of the committee on the Judiciary.

The Resolve in favor of Harmon Hall was read and rejected.

The Bill to provide for the prevention and abatement of nuisances, and the preservation of the public health in the city of Chelsea, was read and ordered to a third reading.

**Bills :**

To authorize aqueduct corporations to increase their capital stock; and

To change the name of the Middleborough and Taunton Precinct Society, and for other purposes; and

The Resolve in favor of Isabell Campbell;

Were severally read, passed to be engrossed, and sent up for concurrence.

The Resolve in favor of the town of Northampton was further considered, and, on motion of Mr. Stone of Northampton, was postponed for further consideration until Tuesday next.

The Bill repealing sections 1 and 3 of chapter 248 of the

Acts of the year 1874, relating to some of the rules of practice in the supreme judicial and superior courts, was read, and pending amendments moved by Messrs. Rice of Worcester, Pierce of Malden, and Pierce of Milton, and a motion of Mr. Ropes of Boston to recommit, with instructions, the House, at 1.10,

Adjourned.

MONDAY, April 12, 1875.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer was offered by the Chaplain.

*Order.*

On motion of Mr. Morse of Boston,—

Office of register of probate.

*Ordered*, That the justices of the supreme judicial court be requested to give to this Legislature their opinion upon the following questions, to wit:—

First, Whether the office of register of probate and insolvency can lawfully be abolished by the Legislature?

If this question shall be answered in the affirmative, then —

Second, Whether, after the abolition of said office, the Legislature can lawfully establish the office of clerk of the court of probate and insolvency, the incumbent whereof shall have and exercise all the powers and duties heretofore had and exercised by such register; and whether the Legislature can confer upon the Governor power to appoint such clerk?

Sent up for concurrence.

*Paper from the Senate.*

Watertown—  
water-supply.

The Bill to supply the town of Watertown with pure water, came down with the endorsement that the Senate non-concurred in the House amendments to the Bill.

On motion of Mr. Morris of Watertown, the House insisted on its amendments, and asked for a committee of conference, Messrs. Morris of Watertown, Savery of Wareham, and Robinson of Boston being appointed on the part of the House.

Sent up for concurrence.

*Discharged from the Orders.*

Foster's Wharf  
Co.

On motion of Mr. Pierce of Milton, the Bill to incorporate Foster's Wharf Company was discharged from the

orders of the day and recommitted to the committee on Mercantile Affairs.

*Taken from the Table.*

On motion of Mr. Sanborn of Boston, the Resolve County taxes. granting county taxes was taken from the table and placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow, the question being on ordering to a third reading.

*Reports of Committees.*

By Mr. Ropes of Boston, from the committee on Water Boston—parks. Supply and Drainage, on petition of Dr. Calvin Ellis and others, and sundry petitions on the same subject, a Bill for the laying out of public parks in or near the city of Boston.

By Mr. Smalley of Harwich, from the committee on the Nantucket ponds. Fisheries, on petition of Charles F. Coffin and others, a Bill to prohibit seining of fish in the ponds on the island of Nantucket.

Severally read and ordered to a second reading.

By Mr. Cushing of Cambridge, from the committee on State Almshouse. Finance, asking to be discharged from the further consideration of the Resolve in favor of the State Almshouse at Tewksbury, and that it be recommitted to the committee on Public Charitable Institutions. Read and accepted under suspension of the rules.

*Bills Enacted.*

Engrossed bills :

Bills enacted.

To authorize the South Bay Company to increase its capital stock ;

To authorize the town of Brookline to supply water to the city of Boston ;

To authorize the Evangelical Congregational Society in East Cambridge to sell land and other property of the society, and to appropriate the proceeds of the sale thereof ;

(Which severally originated in the House ;) and

To amend the charter of the Plymouth County Railroad Company ;

(Which originated in the Senate ;)

Were severally passed to be enacted, signed, and sent to the Senate.

**Resolves passed.**

**Engrossed resolves :**  
 In favor of Anna Coleman ;  
 In favor of the town of Beverly ;  
 In favor of the Hayden Tobacco Works ;  
 In favor of George H. McAllister, guardian of Charles W. Stephenson ;  
 Relative to the fisheries on the North River and its tributaries ; and  
 In favor of the Normal Schools at Framingham, Westfield, Bridgewater and Salem ;  
 (Which severally originated in the House ;)  
 Were severally passed, signed, and sent to the Senate.

*Orders of the Day.***Orders of the day.**

The report of the committee on State Salaries and Expenditures, inexpedient to legislate, on an Order relative to fees received by registers of deeds and clerks of state courts, was accepted and sent up for concurrence.

The report of the committee on Claims, leave to withdraw, on the petition of Alonzo Withington for state aid, was accepted in concurrence.

The Bill repealing sections 1 and 3 of chapter 248 of the Acts of the year 1874, relating to some of the rules of practice in the supreme judicial and superior courts, was further considered and rejected.

The Bill to prevent frauds at elections in cities was read and considered. Pending sundry amendments, the Bill was, on motion of Mr. Hale of Boston, recommitted to the committee on the Judiciary.

The Bill in relation to naturalization was rejected, in accordance with the recommendation of the committee on the Judiciary.

The Bill relating to the probate office of the county of Suffolk was read, and on motion of Mr. Osgood of Salem, was laid on the table.

**Bills :**

Relating to coasting, the passage of vehicles over streets in cities and towns, and to itinerant musicians (amended on motion of Mr. Morse of Boston) ;

Authorizing the Lowell Horse Railroad Company to lease or sell its road ;

To abolish the office of Second Assistant District-Attorney for the Suffolk district ;

To annex a portion of the towns of South Abington and

East Bridgewater to the town of Brockton; also, a portion of the town of Brockton to the town of South Abington;

To authorize the collection of the price of goods, wares and merchandise sold by unsealed weights and measures, or measured by unsworn measurers; and

To authorize the First Parish in Rowley to sell real estate;

Were severally read and ordered to a third reading.

The Bill to provide for the prevention and abatement of nuisances, and the preservation of the public health in the city of Chelsea, was passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

The Resolve in favor of Louis A. De Ribas was passed to be engrossed and sent up for concurrence.

The Bill to encourage the growth and preservation of forest trees was read and considered. Pending amendments moved by Messrs. Long of Hingham and Knox of Lawrence, Mr. Hill of Boston raised the point of order that the Bill contained provisions (in the second section) which were not within the scope of the subject-matter referred to the committee, and that the bill could not properly be reported by the committee. It appeared that the committee were instructed by an order to consider the expediency of legislation for "encouraging the growth and preservation of forests"; and that the second section of the bill relates to entries with fire-arms on lands in general, including those not devoted to the growing of forests.

The Chair ruled that the point was well taken, and the bill was laid aside.

The Senate Bill concerning manufacturing and other corporations was read and considered. The amendments recommended by the committee on the Judiciary were severally adopted.

On the question of ordering the bill, as amended, to a third reading, the vote was 22 affirmative and 22 negative. The Chair voted in the affirmative.

The point being raised by Mr. Hale of Boston that a quorum of the House was not present, the Speaker ruled that a quorum manifestly was not present, and pending the verification of the vote, the House, at 5.20,

Adjourned.



TUESDAY, April 13, 1875.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer was offered by the Chaplain.

*Petition Presented.*Turner's Falls  
Bridge.

By Mr. Green of Northfield, remonstrance of the selectmen of Colrain against the petition of A. W. Stevens and others for a bridge at Turner's Falls. Referred to the committee on Roads and Bridges, and sent up for concurrence.

*Taken from the Table.*

Hawkes Brook.

On motion of Mr. Hawkes of Lynn, the report of the committee on Water Supply and Drainage, leave to withdraw, on petition of the mayor of Lynn for an Act to increase the water-supply of the city of Lynn by taking water from Hawkes Brook.

The same gentleman moved to amend the report by substituting a Bill to authorize the city of Lynn to obtain a further supply of pure water.

Pending the amendment, the report was postponed for further consideration until to-morrow, and the substitute was ordered to be printed.

Scientific sur-  
vey.

On motion of Mr. White of Williamstown, the Bill providing for a survey of the Commonwealth. Placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow, the question being on ordering to a third reading.

*Papers from the Senate.*Centennial at  
Philadelphia.

The petition of the State Board of Managers of the Centennial Exhibition, for a proper representation of the various state departments at Philadelphia, and for an appropriation for the same, was referred, in concurrence, under a suspension of the rule, to the committee on Education.

Hoosac Tunnel.

Reports of the committee on the Hoosac Tunnel Line of Railroads, inexpedient to legislate, on the memorial of Edward Hamilton in relation to an amendment of the Constitution prohibiting the sale, lease or transfer of the Hoosac Tunnel or Troy and Greenfield Railroad; and

Boston, Hoosac  
Tunnel and Al-  
bany R. R. Co.

Leave to withdraw, on the petition of the Boston, Hoosac Tunnel and Albany Railroad Company for state aid, were severally read and placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

A Resolve in favor of Laura J. Brown, passed to be Laura J. Brown. engrossed by the Senate, was read and referred in course to the committee on Finance.

### *Orders.*

On motion of Mr. Churchill of Boston,—

*Ordered*, That the joint special committee on investigation of State House repairs be directed to investigate and report upon repairs and furnishing of State House which have reference to and are connected with the subject of the present investigation, though not specially mentioned in Senate Document, No. 67. State House Repairs.

Sent up for concurrence.

The following Order, offered by Mr. Baker of Beverly, was referred to the next General Court, the House refusing to suspend the rule relative to new business:—

*Ordered*, That the committee on the Judiciary consider and report whether some more humane method than hanging cannot be adopted for taking the lives of criminals who may be subjected to capital punishment under the laws of the Commonwealth. Capital punishment.

### *Discharged from the Orders.*

On motion of Mr. King of Boston, the motion to reconsider the vote whereby the House rejected the Resolve providing for the enforcement of the laws relating to the schooling and hours of labor of children employed in manufacturing and mechanical establishments, was discharged from the orders of the day and further considered. Employment of children.

The motion to reconsider was carried, and the question recurring on passing the resolve to be engrossed, it was amended, on motion of Mr. Kimball of Boston, by substituting therefor a Bill relating to the employment of children, and regulations respecting them.

Under rule 60, the bill was placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow, the question being on engrossment.

### *Bills Enacted.*

Engrossed bills:

Bills enacted.

To authorize the town of Waltham to raise money for a centennial celebration of the events of the nineteenth day of April, 1775.

To authorize the town of Wayland to raise money by

taxation for celebrating the centennial anniversary of the battle of Lexington ;

To change the name of the Haskins Machine Company ;  
(Which severally originated in the House ;) and  
To provide for religious instruction in prisons ;  
(Which originated in the Senate ;)

Were severally passed to be enacted, signed, and sent to the Senate.

**Resolve passed.** An engrossed Resolve in favor of Jerrie C. Vaughn (which originated in the Senate) was passed, signed, and sent to the Senate.

### *Reports of Committees.*

**Crocker's Notes.** By Mr. Cushing of Cambridge, from the committee on Finance, that the Resolve to authorize the purchase and distribution of Crocker's Notes on the General Statutes of Massachusetts ought to pass. Placed in the orders of the day for a second reading to-morrow.

**Census.** By the same gentleman, from the same committee, that the Senate Resolve to provide compensation for obtaining the census and industrial statistics of the Commonwealth for the year 1875 ought to pass.

Under a suspension of the rules, moved by the same gentleman, the resolve took its several readings, was passed to be engrossed in concurrence, having been amended on its third reading, on motion of Mr. Hale of Boston, and sent up for concurrence in the amendments.

**State Almshouse.** By Mr. Haven of Framingham, from the committee on Public Charitable Institutions, to whom was recommitted the Resolve in favor of the State Almshouse at Tewksbury, that the same ought to pass in a new draft.

**Rose Carpenter.** By Mr. Pratt of Boston, from the committee on Claims, on petition, a Resolve in favor of Rose Carpenter.

Severally read and referred in course to the committee on Finance.

**Noxious and offensive trades.** By Mr. Rust of Boston, from the committee on Mercantile Affairs, inexpedient to legislate, on an Order relative to amendment of chapter 167 of the Acts of 1871, concerning noxious and offensive trades. Read and placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

**Bardwell's Ferry bridge.** By Mr. Davis of Enfield, from the committee on Roads and Bridges, on petition of the selectmen of Shelburne, a Bill concerning the maintenance of the bridge at Bardwell's Ferry.

By Mr. Rust of Boston, from the committee on Mercan-  
tile Affairs, on petition of James M. Smith and others, a <sup>Suffolk Brewing Co.</sup>  
Bill to incorporate the Suffolk Brewing Company.

Severally read and ordered to a second reading.

*Orders of the Day.*

The Bill (on leave) to amend chapter 259 of the Acts of <sup>Orders of the day.</sup>  
the year 1872, relative to the establishment of polls and  
estates of the several cities and towns in the Common-  
wealth, was rejected, in accordance with the recommenda-  
tion of the committee on the Judiciary.

**Bills :**

Concerning the challenging of jurors ;

To incorporate the Fidelity Assurance Company ;

To prohibit seining of fish in the ponds on the island of  
Nantucket ; and

To provide for the supervision of the construction and  
maintenance of reservoirs and dams (amended on motion  
of Messrs. Frost and Hale of Boston) ;

Were severally read and ordered to a third reading.

**Bills :**

To authorize the First Parish in Rowley to sell real  
estate ;

Authorizing the Lowell Horse Railroad Company to  
lease or sell its road ; and

Relating to coasting, the passage of vehicles over  
streets in cities and towns, and to itinerant musicians ;

Were severally read and passed to be engrossed in con-  
currence.

The Bill to annex a portion of the towns of South Ab-  
ington and East Bridgewater to the town of Brockton,  
also a portion of the town of Brockton to the town of  
South Abington, was read, passed to be engrossed, and  
sent up for concurrence.

The Bill concerning manufacturing and other corpora-  
tions was further considered and ordered to a third reading.

The Resolve in favor of the town of Northampton was  
further considered, amended on motion of Messrs. Hale of  
Boston, Davis of Holyoke, and Rich of Seekonk, and, on  
motion of Mr. Gifford of Westport, was indefinitely post-  
poned.

At 5 o'clock, the House  
Adjourned.

WEDNESDAY, April 14, 1875.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer was offered by the Chaplain.

*Petitions Presented.*

Railroad em-  
ployés.

By Mr. Allen of Duxbury, the petition of James N. Buffum and others in aid of legislation for the safety of employés on railroads. Referred to committee on Railroads.

Sent up for concurrence.

Pittsfield—  
charter.

By Mr. Plunkett of Pittsfield, petition of the inhabitants of the town of Pittsfield for a city charter. Referred, under suspension of the 20th joint rule, to the committee on the Judiciary. Sent up for concurrence in the suspension of the rule.

*Orders.*

Palmer's River.

On motion of Mr. Rich of Seekonk,—

*Ordered*, That the committee on the Fisheries consider the expediency of an Act to prevent persons from taking fish unlawfully from Palmer's River, in the towns of Rehoboth and Swansea. Adopted, under suspension of the 20th joint rule, and sent up for concurrence.

The following Order, offered by Mr. May of Leicester, was referred, under the rule, to the committee on Printing:—

Labor Bureau.

*Ordered*, That four thousand extra copies of the report of the Bureau of Statistics of Labor be printed for the use of the Legislature, and of said bureau, as may be ordered.

Building in  
Pemberton Sq.

On motion of Mr. Kimball of Boston,—

*Ordered*, By the Senate and House of Representatives, that the Auditor be authorized to draw his certificate for the payment of the rent reserved in the lease of Reuben Sherburn to the Commonwealth of House No. 24 Pemberton Square, which expires October 31, 1875, without other approval than is herein contained.

Centennial at  
Philadelphia.

On motion of Mr. Bowman of Somerville,—

*Ordered*, That the accompanying Resolve (in relation to the representation of Massachusetts at the Centennial Exhibition at Philadelphia), be referred to the committee on Education, and that said committee be also instructed

to consider and report what amount, if any, it is expedient should be appropriated for the purposes therein referred to.

Severally sent up for concurrence.

*Taken from the Table.*

On motion of Mr. Ropes of Boston, the Bill to authorize the city of Boston to construct a sewer in the Mystic Valley. Placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow for a second reading.

*Papers from the Senate.*

The petition of Mary A. Atkins and others, relative to convict labor, was referred, in non-concurrence, under the rule of the House, to the next General Court.

The House Bill in addition to "An Act for the abatement of a nuisance in the cities of Cambridge and Somerville, and for the preservation of the public health in said cities" came down, passed to be engrossed in concurrence, with an amendment, in which the House refused to concur.

The Bill to extend the time for locating and constructing the Massachusetts Central Railroad came down, passed to be engrossed in concurrence, with an amendment, in which the House concurred.

The Bill to authorize the division of the city of Boston into thirty-six wards, and to fix the number of members of the common council and school committee, passed to be engrossed by the Senate, was read and referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

A Bill to authorize the town of Watertown to raise money for a centennial celebration of the battles of Lexington and Concord, passed to be engrossed by the Senate, was read, and under a suspension of the rules moved by Mr. Winn of Burlington, took its several readings, and was passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

*Reports of Committees.*

By Mr. Blunt of Haverhill, from the committee on Railroads, leave to withdraw, on petition of J. B. Lamper and others, that the Eastern Railroad may construct a track through Pleasant Street in Lynn; also

On petition of Dexter Tower and others, for authority to take land and construct a branch railroad track in Williamsburg.

Protection of  
labor.

By Mr. May of Leicester, from the committee on the Labor Question, leave to withdraw, on petition of Eben Tourjée and others, for the protection of labor.

Severally read and placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

Hampden  
County.

By Mr. Gardner of Palmer, from the committee on the Judiciary, that the Bill (on leave) to establish a sinking fund for the county of Hampden ought to pass in a new draft. Read and ordered to a second reading.

State Alms-  
house.

By Mr. Stearns of Boston, from the committee on Finance, that the Resolve in favor of the State Almshouse at Tewksbury ought to pass.

Rose Carpenter.

By the same gentleman, from the same committee, that the Resolve in favor of Rose Carpenter ought to pass.

Laura J Brown.

By the same gentleman, from the same committee, that the Senate Resolve in favor of Laura J. Brown ought to pass.

Ellen Woods.

By Mr. Blaney of Peabody, from the same committee, that the Resolve in favor of Ellen Woods ought to pass.

Fitchburg.

By Mr. Cushing of Cambridge, from the same committee, that the Resolve in favor of the city of Fitchburg ought to pass.

Company G, 2d  
regiment.

By the same gentleman, from the same committee, that the Resolve in favor of company G, second regiment infantry, Massachusetts volunteer militia, ought to pass.

Fishway at  
Lawrence.

By the same gentleman, from the same committee, that the Resolve relating to the improvement of the fishway in the Merrimack River at Lawrence ought to pass, with an amendment.

Board of Edu-  
cation.

By Mr. Whitney of Ashburnham, from the same committee, that the Resolve providing for printing the report of the Board of Education, and the laws relating to public schools, ought to pass, with an amendment.

Hopkinton and  
Boston—water.

By Mr. Meserve of Hopkinton, from the committee on Water Supply and Drainage, that the Bill (on leave) to amend chapter 177 of the Acts of the year 1872, authorizing the city of Boston to obtain an additional supply of pure water, ought to pass.

Severally placed in the orders of the day for a second reading to-morrow.

O. McDonald.

By Mr. Whitney of Ashburnham, from the committee on Finance, asking to be discharged from the consideration of the Senate Resolve in favor of Owen McDonald.

By Mr. Blaney of Peabody, from the same committee,

asking to be discharged from the consideration of the Re- J. H. Look.  
solve in favor of James H. Look.

These reports were read, the committee was discharged in each case, and the resolves were severally placed in the orders of the day for a second reading to-morrow.

*Introduced on Leave.*

By Mr. Savage of Taunton, a Bill for supplying the city of Taunton with pure water. Read and referred, under suspension of the 20th joint rule, to the committee on Water Supply and Drainage. Taunton—  
water.

Sent up for concurrence.

By Mr. Rice of Worcester, a Bill to legalize certain records and proceedings of the Webster Square Methodist Episcopal Church of Worcester. Read and referred, under suspension of the 20th joint rule, to the committee on the Judiciary, and sent up for concurrence in the suspension of the rule. Webster Square  
M. E. Church.

By Mr. Copeland of Springfield, a Bill to amend chapter 248 of the Acts of 1874, relating to rules of practice in the supreme judicial and superior courts. Read and referred under the rule to the next General Court, the House refusing to suspend the rule. Practice in  
courts.

Subsequently, Mr. Copeland moved to reconsider the vote whereby the House refused to suspend the rule, which motion was placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

*Bills Enacted.*

*Bills enacted.*

Engrossed bills :

To incorporate the Nahant Land Company ;

To incorporate the West Springfield Aqueduct Company ;

Making appropriations to meet certain expenditures authorized the present year, and for other purposes ;

(Which severally originated in the House ;) and

To authorize the town of Brookline to borrow money to pay for the construction of sewers, and to establish a sinking fund ;

(Which originated in the Senate ;)

Were severally passed to be enacted, signed, and sent to the Senate.

Engrossed resolves :

*Resolves passed.*

In favor of Clara E. Attleton ;

(Which originated in the House ;) and



To provide compensation for obtaining the census and industrial statistics of the Commonwealth for the year 1875 ;  
 (Which originated in the Senate ;)  
 Were severally passed, signed, and sent to the Senate.

*Orders of the Day.*

Orders of the  
day.

**Reports :**

Of the committee on the Hoosac Tunnel Line of Railroad, leave to withdraw, on petition of the Boston, Hoosac Tunnel and Albany Railroad Company, for state aid ; and

Inexpedient to legislate, on memorial of Edward Hamilton, relative to an amendment of the constitution prohibiting the sale, lease or transfer of the Hoosac Tunnel or Troy and Greenfield Railroad, were severally accepted in concurrence.

The report of the committee on Mercantile Affairs, inexpedient to legislate, on an Order relative to amendment of chapter 167 of the Acts of 1871, concerning noxious and offensive trades, was accepted and sent up for concurrence.

The Senate Bill to repeal chapter 308 of the Acts of 1874, relating to slaughter-houses and noxious and offensive trades, was rejected, in accordance with the recommendation of the committee on the Judiciary.

The Bill to authorize assignees of choses in actions to maintain suits upon them in their own name was read, amended on motion of Mr. Meserve of Hopkinton, and rejected.

The Bill to amend chapter 415 of the Acts of the year 1869, concerning the manufacture and sale of intoxicating liquors, was read, amended on motion of Mr. Meserve of Hopkinton, and, on motion of Mr. Curtis of Marlborough, was indefinitely postponed.

**Bills :**

To provide a further supply of water for the city of Cambridge ;

Concerning pickled fish, and to amend chapter 49 of the General Statutes (amended on motion of Mr. Long of Hingham) ; and

Concerning the maintenance of the bridge near Bardwell's Ferry ;

Were severally read and ordered to a third reading.

**Bills :**

To set off a part of the town of Sandisfield to the town of Monterey ;

To prohibit seining of fish in the ponds on the island of Nantucket; and

Concerning the challenging of jurors (the title amended on motion of Mr. Morse of Boston by adding the words "in criminal cases");

Were severally read, passed to be engrossed, and sent up for concurrence.

The Resolve providing for enlarged accommodation and classification of the inmates of the State Reform School at Westborough was read and considered. After debate, it was, on motion of Mr. Ropes of Boston, recommitted to the committee on Public Charitable Institutions.

At 5.05 o'clock, the House  
Adjourned.

THURSDAY, April 15, 1875.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer was offered by the Chaplain.

*Petitions Presented.*

By Mr. Coffin of Winchester, remonstrance of the selectmen of the town of Arlington and 130 others against the passage of an Act entitled "An Act to authorize the city of Boston to construct a sewer in the Mystic Valley." Placed on file.

*Order.*

On motion of Mr. Williams of Brookline,—

*Ordered*, Under a suspension of the rule, that the committee on the Judiciary consider the expediency of amending section 8 of chapter 224 of the Acts of the year 1870, concerning manufacturing and other corporations; by striking out the word "express" in the last line but one of said section.

*Papers from the Senate.*

A Bill to encourage the planting of shade-trees, laying out and ornamenting parks and cemeteries, and erecting and maintaining drinking-fountains for domestic animals, introduced on leave in the Senate, was read and referred, in concurrence, to the committee on Banks and Banking.

A Resolve in favor of Mary Lamb, passed to be en-

Mary Lamb.      grossed by the Senate, was read and referred in course to the committee on Finance.

Birds.              The petition of William Minot and others, to be incorporated under the name of the Massachusetts Society for the Protection of Useful Birds, was referred, in non-concurrence, under the rule of the House, to the next General Court.

*Reports of Committees.*

Horse-car drivers.      By Mr. Morse of Boston, from the committee on the Judiciary, inexpedient to legislate, on an Order relative to securing to cities and towns the right to exercise the same control over conductors and drivers of horse-cars as over the drivers of other vehicles in the public streets.

Rehoboth.              By Mr. Coffin of Winchester, from the committee on Elections, leave to withdraw, on petition of William W. Blanding and others, that the election of William L. Pierce as one of the school committee of the town of Rehoboth may be declared void, and a new election ordered.

Severally read and placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

Fall River—water.      By Mr. Hawkes of Lynn, from the committee on Mercantile Affairs, on petition of the city of Fall River, a Bill in addition to an Act for supplying the city of Fall River with pure water. Read and ordered to a second reading.

Bills enacted.      Engrossed bills :

To increase the salary of the sheriff of the county of Bristol ;

(Which originated in the House ;) and

Relating to coasting, to the passage of vehicles over streets in cities and towns, and to itinerant musicians ;

(Which originated in the Senate ;)

Were severally passed to be enacted, signed, and sent to the Senate.

An engrossed Bill to authorize the town of Watertown to raise money for a centennial celebration of the battles of Lexington and Concord ;

(Which originated in the Senate ;)

Was passed to be enacted, and signed.

Subsequently, on motion of Mr. Perkins of Boston, the votes whereby the bill was passed to be enacted and to be engrossed, were severally reconsidered, the bill was amended, and again passed to be engrossed in concurrence, and sent up for concurrence in the amendment.

*Introduced on Leave.*

By Mr. Codman of Boston, a Bill to legalize certain Lee fire district. doings of the Lee fire district.

By Mr. Curtis of Marlborough, a Bill to authorize the Marlborough. town of Marlborough to issue bonds for the purpose of funding its debts.

Severally read and referred to the committee on the Judiciary, under a suspension of the 20th joint rule, and sent up for concurrence in suspension of the rule.

*Orders of the Day.*

Reports :

Orders of the day.

Of the committee on Railroads, leave to withdraw, on petition of Dexter Tower and others, for authority to take land and construct a branch railroad track in Williamsburg ; also

On petition of Joseph B. Lamper and others, that the Eastern Railroad may be authorized to construct a track through Pleasant Street in Lynn ;

Of the committee on the Labor Question, leave to withdraw, on petition of E. Tourjée and others, for legislation for the protection of labor ; and

Of the committee on Water Supply and Drainage, leave to withdraw, on petition of the mayor of Lynn, for an Act to increase the water-supply of the city of Lynn by taking water from Hawkes Brook (the motion of Mr Hawkes of Lynn to amend by substituting a bill being rejected) ;

Were severally accepted and sent up for concurrence.

The Bill relating to the employment of children, and regulations respecting them, was, on motion of Mr. Codman of Boston, laid upon the table, pending amendments moved by Messrs. Long of Hingham and Putnam of New Salem.

The Bill to abolish the office of second assistant district-attorney for the Suffolk district was read, and, on motion of Mr. Fitz Gerald of Boston, was recommitted to the committee on the Judiciary.

Bills :

To incorporate the Suffolk Brewing Company ;

To establish a sinking fund for the county of Hampden ;

To amend chapter 177 of the Acts of the year 1872, authorizing the city of Boston to obtain an additional supply of pure water ; and

**Resolves :**

Granting county taxes (amended on motion of Messrs. Hale of Boston and Hillman of Chilmark) ;

To authorize the purchase and distribution of Crocker's Notes on the General Statutes of Massachusetts ;

Relating to the improvement of the fishway in Merrimack River at Lawrence (amended according to the recommendation of the committee on Finance) ;

In favor of the city of Fitchburg ; and

In favor of company G, second regiment of infantry, Massachusetts volunteer militia ;

Were severally read and ordered to a third reading.

The Bill concerning the maintenance of the bridge near Bardwell's Ferry was read, passed to be engrossed, and sent up for concurrence.

The Bill to authorize the collection of the price of goods, wares and merchandise sold by unsealed weights and measures, or measured by unsworn measurers, was read and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

The Bill for the laying out of public parks in or near the city of Boston was read and considered. Amendments moved by Messrs. Codman and Kimball of Boston were adopted. On motion of Mr. Carney of Boston, the yeas and nays were ordered on the main question, and the roll being called, the bill as amended was ordered to a third reading, by a vote of 141 yeas to 30 nays, as follows :—

**YEAS.**

Messrs. Samuel Allen,  
Stephen M. Allen,  
Andrew Athy,  
Michael Atkinson,  
Amasa W. Bailey,  
Daniel D. Bailey,  
John I. Baker,  
Joseph H. Baker,  
T. D. Beach,  
George Beal,  
John H. Bell,  
James Bergin,  
John Best,  
John H. Blake,  
Stephen F. Blaney,  
William E. Blunt,  
Frederick L. Bosworth,  
Reuben Boynton,

Messrs. Osgood Bradley, Jr.,  
Wilbur F. Brigham,  
Samuel R. Brintnall,  
Charles M. Brown,  
Isaac T. Burr,  
James H. Carleton,  
William Carroll,  
William Chase,  
Gardner A. Churchill,  
Isaiah Churchill,  
Charles R. Codman,  
A. B. Coffin,  
Austin H. Connell,  
Augustine P. Cook,  
Lowell Coolidge,  
A. M. Copeland,  
J. W. Coveney,  
John A. Cummings,

Messrs. Ben. C. Currier,  
 Lewis Day,  
 Edwin Ellis,  
 John B. Fairbanks,  
 Luther Fisk,  
 Thomas F. Fitz Gerald,  
 Alpheus Fobes,  
 William Frost,  
 Charles L. Gardner,  
 William M. Gaylord,  
 Benjamin Gifford,  
 Levi L. Goodspeed,  
 Elbridge H. Goss,  
 Thomas T. Griggs,  
 Dexter Grose,  
 Charles Hale,  
 Solomon E. Hallett,  
 William A. Haskell,  
 Nicholas Hatheway,  
 George Haven,  
 Nathan M. Hawkes,  
 Moses B. Heywood,  
 Samuel R. Heywood,  
 Joseph W. Hill,  
 Beriah T. Hillman,  
 Wm. A. Hodges,  
 E. Everett Holbrook,  
 Amos B. Holden,  
 Henry T. Holmes,  
 Daniel P. Hopkinson,  
 M. M. Hovey,  
 Wm. B. Howard,  
 Frederick G. Howes,  
 Francis M. Hughes,  
 S. A. Jacobs,  
 Henry L. James,  
 Edward J. Johnson,  
 Thomas Johnson,  
 Philo Keith,  
 William Keith,  
 Edward Kendall,  
 Moses Kimball,  
 Joel Knapp,  
 Daniel W. Lawrence,  
 Benj. F. Leighton,  
 Daniel J. Lewis,  
 George T. Lincoln,  
 John D. Long,  
 John B. Martin,  
 Joseph T. Massey,

Messrs. Edward S. May,  
 Samuel May,  
 James A. McDonald,  
 William B. Merrill,  
 Clement Meserve,  
 Southard H. Miller,  
 John T. Morse,  
 Edward W. Noble,  
 Daniel Noonan,  
 Isaac N. Nutter,  
 Charles S. Osgood,  
 Harrison D. Packard,  
 Charles M. Peirce, Jr.,  
 William E. Perkins,  
 Chas. H. Pew, 2d,  
 Stephen C. Phinney,  
 Edward L. Pierce,  
 Thomas F. Plunkett,  
 Willard Putnam,  
 Albert E. Rice,  
 William W. Rice,  
 Thomas Rich,  
 J. C. Richmond,  
 John L. Robinson,  
 Charles A. Rogers,  
 Joseph S. Ropes,  
 Cyrus K. Russell,  
 John S. Ryder,  
 John Sanborn,  
 Cyrus Savage,  
 John Savery,  
 Ebenezer Sawyer,  
 John M. Seeley,  
 Frederick P. Shaw,  
 George D. Smalley,  
 Abraham H. Smith,  
 E. F. Smith,  
 John L. Smith,  
 E. A. Spaulding,  
 Richard H. Stearns,  
 Isaac Stebbins,  
 Lafayette Stevens,  
 John C. Stimpson,  
 Daniel J. Sweeney,  
 Daniel H. Thurston,  
 Dexter A. Tompkins,  
 George H. Torrey,  
 Enoch H. Towne,  
 Byron Truell,  
 Artemas S. Tyler,

Messrs. Joseph White,  
Felix G. Whitney,  
E. Crosby Willard,

Messrs. John H. Woodbury,  
Beverly,  
William Woods.

## NAYS.

Messrs. Cyrus F. Baker,  
Sylvester W. Bowen,  
Horace L. Bowker,  
Wm. E. Bridgman,  
Michael Carney,  
Owen Coogan,  
Levi L. Cushing, Jr.,  
James W. Dwyer,  
Samuel Flower,  
John D. Flynn,  
Albert W. Gaskill,  
James W. Gaylord,  
Edward E. Gibbs,  
Gayton M. Hall,  
James L. Locke,

Messrs. William Martin,  
Henry S. Miner,  
George L. Newton,  
James Pierce,  
Alanson B. Pomeroy,  
Wallace F. Robinson,  
Nathaniel J. Rust,  
Charles B. Sanford,  
Albert Smith,  
Isaac Stone,  
Samuel Talbot, Jr.,  
Chas. R. Tucker, Jr.,  
George M. Warren,  
Austin C. Wellington,  
Wm. Winn.

Yeas, 141 ; nays, 30.

The motion of Mr. Copeland of Springfield, to reconsider the vote whereby the House refused to suspend the rule to allow the reference to a committee of a Bill to amend chapter 248 of the Acts of the year 1874, relating to rules of practice in the supreme judicial and superior courts, was carried, and the bill was referred, under suspension of the rule, to the committee on the Judiciary.

The Bill providing for a survey of the Commonwealth was further considered. Pending amendments moved by Mr. Hale of Boston, the House, at 4.50,  
Adjourned.

FRIDAY, April 16, 1875.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer was offered by the Chaplain.

*Orders.*

On motion of Mr. Kimball of Boston,—

Tenants in com-  
mon.

*Ordered*, Under a suspension of the rule, that the committee on the Judiciary consider the expediency of amend-

ing the laws of taxation in relation to property held by tenants in common.

On motion of Mr. Allen of Duxbury,—

*Ordered*, That the Sergeant-at-Arms reserve the ladies' gallery for the use of the families of members on Saturday next, during the visit of the President of the United States to this House. Ladies' gallery.

### *Reports of Committees.*

By Mr. Codman of Boston, from the committee on the Judiciary, on petition of the inhabitants of Pittsfield, a Bill to establish the city of Pittsfield. Read and ordered to a second reading. Pittsfield—  
charter.

By Mr. Torrey of South Scituate, from the committee on Printing, that the Order relative to printing four thousand extra copies of the report of the Bureau of Statistics of Labor, for the use of the Legislature and said bureau, ought to be adopted. Read and placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow. Labor Bureau.

By Mr. Perkins of Boston, from the committee on the Seventeenth of June, a Resolve concerning the celebration of the 17th of June, 1875. Seventeenth of  
June.

By Mr. Miner of Phillipston, from the committee on Agriculture, on the annual report of the trustees of that institution, a Resolve in favor of the Massachusetts Agricultural College. Agricultural  
College.

Severally read and referred in course to the committee on Finance.

### *Papers from the Senate.*

The report of the committee on Military Affairs, leave to withdraw, on petition of Patrick Houghton and others, company commanders of the ninth regiment, Massachusetts volunteer militia, for reimbursement of certain expenses, was read and placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow. Ninth regiment  
company com-  
manders.

#### Bills :

To change the name of the North Bridgewater Union Cemetery Corporation; and No. Bridgewater  
Union Cemetery  
Corporation.

To amend chapter 377 of the Acts of 1874, entitled "An Act to incorporate the Barre Falls Reservoir Company"; Barre Falls Res-  
ervoir Co.

Severally passed to be engrossed by the Senate, were read and referred to the committee on the Judiciary.



Birds, etc.

A Bill to amend chapter 304 of the Acts of 1870, concerning the preservation of birds, birds' eggs and deer, passed to be engrossed by the Senate, was read and ordered to a second reading.

Board of Health.

The House Resolve authorizing the State Board of Health to expend its unexpended balance of appropriations for books and maps relative to sanitary matters, came down referred to the committee on the Library, in which reference the House concurred.

Cambridge and  
Somerville nuisance.

The House Bill in addition to an Act for the abatement of a nuisance in the cities of Cambridge and Somerville, and for the preservation of the public health in said cities, came down with the endorsement that the Senate insisted on its amendments.

On motion of Mr. Ropes of Boston, the House insisted on its non-concurrence, and asked for a committee of conference, and Messrs. Meserve of Hopkinton, Phinney of Plymouth, and Cushing of Cambridge were appointed on the part of the House.

Sent up for concurrence.

### *Bills Enacted.*

Bills enacted.

Engrossed bills :

To extend the time for locating and constructing the Massachusetts Central Railroad ;

To enable the town of Princeton to convey certain lands ;  
Concerning the acknowledgment of deeds in foreign countries ;

To authorize the county commissioners of Bristol County to take lands, and for other purposes ;

In addition to an Act to supply the city of Cambridge with pure water ;

Concerning the attachment of engines and cars, and steamboats ;

To revise and amend the charter of the city of New Bedford ;

(Which severally originated in the House ;)

To provide for the prevention and abatement of nuisances, and for the preservation of the public health in the city of Chelsea ;

To authorize the First Parish in Rowley to sell real estate ;

Authorizing the Lowell Horse Railroad Company to lease or sell its road ;

To authorize the town of Watertown to raise money for a centennial celebration of the battles of Lexington and Concord ;

( Which severally originated in the Senate ; )

Were passed to be enacted, signed, and sent to the Senate.

An engrossed Resolve in relation to the obstruction of Peabody Square by the tracks of the Eastern Railroad Company ;

Resolve passed.

( Which originated in the House ; )

Was passed, signed, and sent to the Senate.

### *Orders of the Day.*

Orders of the day.

#### Reports :

Of the committee on the Judiciary, inexpedient to legislate, on an Order relative to securing to cities and towns the right to exercise the same control over conductors and drivers of horse-cars as over drivers of other vehicles in the public streets ; and

Of committee on Elections, leave to withdraw, on petition of William W. Blanding and others, that the election of William L. Pierce as one of the school committee of the town of Rehoboth may be declared void, and a new election ordered ;

Were severally accepted.

The Bill in addition to an Act for supplying the city of Fall River with pure water ; and

#### Resolves :

In favor of the State Almshouse at Tewksbury ;

In favor of Rose Carpenter ;

In favor of Ellen Woods ; and

In favor of Laura J. Brown ;

Were severally read and ordered to a third reading.

The Bill relating to the employment of children, and regulations respecting them, was further considered, amended on motion of Mr. White of Williamstown, passed to be engrossed, and sent up for concurrence.

#### Bills :

To provide for the supervision of the construction and maintenance of reservoirs and dams (amended on motion of Messrs. Ropes of Boston and Stone of Northampton) ; and

To establish a sinking fund for the county of Hampden ; (amended on motion of Mr. Gardner of Palmer ; ) and

**Resolves :**

In favor of the city of Fitchburg ; and

In favor of company G, second regiment infantry, Massachusetts volunteer militia ;

Were severally read, passed to be engrossed, and sent up for concurrence.

The Bill concerning manufacturing and other corporations (amended on motion of Messrs. Codman and Hale of Boston) was read and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

The Bill providing for a survey of the Commonwealth was further considered. The amendments moved by Mr. Hale of Boston were severally adopted. A motion made by Mr. Martin of Adams to indefinitely postpone was rejected by a vote of 78 to 83.

On motion of Mr. Connell of Boston, the yeas and nays were ordered on the question of ordering the bill to a third reading, and the roll being called, the bill was rejected by a vote of 90 yeas to 90 nays, as follows :—

**YEAS.**

**Messrs.** Michael Atkinson,  
John J. Babson,  
Amasa W. Bailey,  
Joseph H. Baker,  
George Beal,  
John H. Bell,  
Wm. H. Bent,  
John C. Bickford,  
Reuben Boynton,  
William E. Bright,  
Samuel R. Brintnall,  
William Carroll,  
William Chase,  
Gardner A. Churchill,  
Isaiah Churchill,  
Charles R. Codman,  
Abraham B. Coffin,  
J. W. Coveney,  
John A. Cummings,  
Francis C. Curtis,  
Levi L. Cushing, Jr.,  
C. W. Duggan,  
George W. Dyer,  
James E. Estabrook,  
Alpheus Fobes,  
William Frost,

**Messrs.** Elbridge H. Goss,  
Thomas T. Griggs,  
Charles Hale,  
Gayton M. Hall,  
George Haven,  
George Heywood,  
Samuel R. Heywood,  
Beriah T. Hillman,  
Amos B. Holden,  
Henry T. Holmes,  
Daniel P. Hopkinson,  
Frederick G. Howes,  
S. A. Jacobs,  
Thomas Johnson,  
Isaac N. Keith,  
Philo Keith,  
Ziba C. Keith,  
Edward Kendall,  
Moses Kimball,  
Joel Knapp,  
William S. Knox,  
Daniel W. Lawrence,  
John D. Long,  
James T. Mahony,  
John B. Martin,  
Samuel May,

**Messrs.** John J. McNutt,  
Southard H. Miller,  
F. G. Morris,  
John T. Morse,  
George L. Newton,  
Edward W. Noble,  
Isaac N. Nutter,  
Charles S. Osgood,  
Harrison D. Packard,  
Wm. E. Perkins,  
Willard P. Phillips,  
Stephen C. Phinney,  
Edward L. Pierce,  
Richard Pope,  
George W. Reed,  
Thomas Rich,  
John L. Robinson,  
Charles A. Rogers,  
Joseph S. Ropes,

**Messrs.** Cyrus K. Russell,  
Cyrus Savage,  
John Savery,  
John M. Seeley,  
Isaiah A. Small,  
John L. Smith,  
Richard H. Stearns,  
Isaac Stone,  
Daniel J. Sweeney,  
Leonard A. Thayer,  
Wm. A. Thompson,  
Daniel H. Thurston,  
George H. Torrey,  
Albert J. Trull,  
Artemas S. Tyler,  
Joseph White,  
Felix G. Whitney,  
Wilbur F. Whitney,  
Wm. Woods.

**NAYS.**

**Messrs.** Samuel Allen,  
Stephen M. Allen,  
Andrew Athy,  
Daniel D. Bailey,  
John I. Baker,  
T. D. Beach,  
James Bergin,  
John Best,  
Stephen F. Blaney,  
Sylvester W. Bowen,  
Horace L. Bowker,  
Selwyn Z. Bowman,  
Osgood Bradley, Jr.,  
Wm. E. Bridgman,  
Michael Carney,  
Patrick Collins,  
Austin H. Connell,  
Augustine P. Cook,  
F. S. Coolidge,  
Wm. D. Curtis,  
Epes Davis,  
Jacob W. Davis,  
Henry Dennis, Jr.,  
Neil Doherty,  
John B. Fairbanks,  
Luther Fisk,  
John D. Flynn,  
Charles L. Gardner,  
Albert W. Gaskill,

**Messrs.** James W. Gaylord,  
Wm. M. Gaylord,  
Emerson Geer,  
Benjamin Gifford,  
Charles H. Greene,  
Daniel G. Green,  
George Hall,  
Solomon E. Hallett,  
William A. Haskell,  
Nicholas Hatheway,  
Nathan M. Hawkes,  
James E. Hill,  
Wm. A. Hodges,  
E. Everett Holbrook,  
Francis M. Hughes,  
Henry L. James,  
Edward J. Johnson,  
George W. Jones,  
William Keith,  
John B. Le Baron,  
Benj. F. Leighton,  
Daniel J. Lewis,  
William Martin,  
Joseph T. Massey,  
Clement Meserve,  
Henry S. Miner,  
Frederick P. Moseley,  
Daniel Noonan,  
Charles M. Peirce, Jr.,

Messrs. Chas. H. Pew, 2d,  
 James Pierce,  
 Thomas F. Plunkett,  
 Alanson B. Pomeroy,  
 Isaac Pratt, Jr.,  
 Wm. W. Rice,  
 J. C. Richmond,  
 Wallace F. Robinson,  
 Nathaniel J. Rust,  
 John S. Ryder,  
 John Sanborn,  
 Edward Sanderson,  
 Charles B. Sanford,  
 John E. Sanford,  
 Nathaniel Seaver,  
 Frederick P. Shaw,

Messrs. George D. Smalley,  
 Abraham H. Smith,  
 Albert Smith,  
 E. F. Smith,  
 Edwin A. Spaulding,  
 Lafayette Stevens,  
 Samuel Talbot, Jr.,  
 Chas. R. Tucker, Jr.,  
 Edmond M. Vincent,  
 Cranmore N. Wallace,  
 Austin C. Wellington,  
 Henry M. Wilcox,  
 E. Crosby Willard,  
 William Winn,  
 John H. Woodbury,  
 Beverly,  
 Walter Wyman.

Yeas, 90 ; nays, 90.

**State survey.**

The orders of the day being laid on the table, Mr. White of Williamstown moved to reconsider the last-named vote, and the motion was placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

**Debatable matters.**

On motion of Mr. Hale of Boston, it was voted that, at the sitting to-morrow, the House will not take up debatable matters in the orders of the day.

**Hour of meeting.**

On motion of Mr. Kimball of Boston, it was voted that when the House adjourns to-morrow, it be to meet on Tuesday next, at 2, P. M.

At 4.50, the House  
 Adjourned.

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SATURDAY, April 17, 1875.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer was offered by the Chaplain.

*Papers from the Senate.*

**State Normal Art-School.**

Notice was received from the Senate of the rejection by that branch of the House Resolve to set apart a portion of the lands of the Commonwealth in the Back Bay for the use of the State Normal Art-School.

**Museum of Comparative Zoölogy.**

A memorial of the Trustees of the Museum of Comparative Zoölogy, relative to amending the second section of an Act to incorporate the Trustees of said museum,

was read and referred in concurrence, under suspension of the rule, to the committee on Education.

**Bills :**

**Bills.**

Relating to joint tenants, coparceners, and tenants in common ; and

Concerning suits in which the Commonwealth is a party ;

Severally passed to be engrossed by the Senate, were read and referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

The House Bill to revise and consolidate the charter of the city of Lowell came down, passed to be engrossed by the Senate, with an amendment, in which the House concurred.

**Lowell—charter.**

*Reports of Committees.*

By Mr. Babson of Gloucester, from the committee on Banks and Banking, to whom was referred the House Bill to incorporate the Massachusetts Family Life Insurance Company, that the same ought to pass in a new draft.

**Mass. Family Life Ins. Co.**

By Mr. Bowman of Somerville, from the committee on Probate and Chancery, that the Bill to enable non-resident guardians to obtain property in this State belonging to their wards residing in other States or Territories of the United States ought to pass in a new draft.

**Non-resident guardians.**

By Mr. Kimball of Boston, from the committee on Finance, on so much of the Governor's address as relates to the finances of the Commonwealth, a Bill to apportion and assess a state tax of two million dollars.

**State tax.**

Severally read and ordered to a second reading.

By Mr. Kimball of Boston, from the committee on Finance, that the Senate Resolve in relation to the claim of George M. Weston ought not to pass.

**G. M. Weston.**

By Mr. Bowman of Somerville, from the committee on Probate and Chancery, that the Senate Bill to extend the jurisdiction of probate courts ought not to pass.

**Probate courts.**

Severally placed in the orders of the day for Tuesday, the question in each case being on rejection.

By Mr. Cushing of Cambridge, from the committee on Finance, asking to be discharged from the consideration of

**Bills :**

**Bills.**

Relating to the commissioner of savings banks ;

Relating to certain employes of the Bureau of Statistics of Labor ;

In relation to the salaries of employes of the Sergeant-at-Arms.

By Mr. Blaney of Peabody, from the same committee, asking to be discharged from the consideration of

Bills :

Relating to certain officers and employes of the State Almshouse at Tewksbury ;

Relating to certain officers of the Board of State Charities ; and

Relating to certain employes at the State Workhouse at Bridgewater ; and

Mary Lamb.

By Mr. Stearns of Boston, from the same committee, asking to be discharged from the consideration of the Senate Resolve in favor of Mary Lamb.

Severally read, the committee discharged in each case, and the bills and resolve severally placed in the orders of the day for a second reading on Tuesday.

#### *Bills Enacted.*

Bills enacted.

Engrossed bills :

To set off a part of the town of Everett to the town of Medford ;

To change the name of the Middleborough and Taunton Precinct Society, and for other purposes ;

(Which originated in the House ;)

Were severally passed to be enacted, signed, and sent to the Senate.

#### *Discharged from the Orders.*

J. H. Look.

On motion of Mr. Kimball of Boston, the Resolve in favor of James H. Look was discharged from the orders of the day and considered.

The resolve was read, and, after debate, was ordered to a third reading by a vote of 111 to 54.

#### *Orders of the Day.*

Orders of the day.

The motion of Mr. White of Williamstown to reconsider the vote whereby the House rejected the Bill providing for a survey of the Commonwealth was, on his motion, postponed until Wednesday next.

The report of the committee on Military Affairs, leave to withdraw, on petition of Patrick Houghton, Jr., and others, company commanders of the ninth regiment, Massachusetts volunteer militia, for reimbursement of certain expenses, was accepted in concurrence.

The Bill to amend chapter 177 of the Acts of the year

1872, authorizing the city of Boston to obtain an additional supply of pure water; and

Resolves:

Relating to the improvement of the fishway in the Merrimack River at Lawrence;

In favor of the State Almshouse at Tewksbury;

In favor of Rose Carpenter; and

In favor of Ellen Woods;

Were severally read, passed to be engrossed, and sent up for concurrence.

The Resolve in favor of Laura J. Brown was read and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

### *Reception of the President of the United States.*

The orders of the day being laid aside, under the vote of the House that debatable matters should not be taken up, the committee appointed to make arrangements for the celebration of the 19th of April appeared with the President of the United States, the Vice-President of the United States, the Hon. William W. Belknap, Secretary of War, the Hon. George M. Robeson, Secretary of the Navy, the Hon. Marshall Jewell, Postmaster-General, and the Hon. Columbus Delano, Secretary of the Interior.

*Reception of the President of the United States and members of the Cabinet.*

The Speaker welcomed the distinguished guests, and presented each in turn to the House.

A recess was then taken, to enable members to pay their respects to the President, Vice-President, and the members of the Cabinet present; after which the House was again called to order, and at 1.10, P. M.,

Adjourned.

TUESDAY, April 20, 1875.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer was offered by the Chaplain.

### *Petition Presented.*

By Mr. Tyler of Lowell, petition of Frank Havey for state aid. Referred, under a rule of the House, to the next General Court, a motion to suspend the rule, made by Mr. Tyler, being negatived.

*Frank Havey.*



*Reports of Committees.*

Ohas. Burleigh.

By Mr. Cummings of Somerville, from the committee on Claims, on petition, a Resolve in favor of Charles Burleigh. Read and referred in course to the committee on Finance.

Taunton—  
water.

By Mr. Meserve of Hopkinton, from the committee on Water Supply and Drainage, that the Bill (on leave) for supplying the city of Taunton with pure water ought to pass. Placed in the orders of the day for a second reading to-morrow.

*Papers from the Senate.*

B. &amp; A. R. R.

**Reports :**

Of the committee on Railroads, that no legislation is necessary, on a communication from the Railroad Commissioners relative to the transportation of grain over the Boston and Albany Railroad ; and

State Directors.

On the annual report of the State Directors of the Boston and Albany Railroad Company for 1874 ;

Were severally read and placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

Bills.

**Bills :**

To annex a part of the city of Boston to the city of Newton ;

Relating to Sunderland Bridge ;

To fix the salary of the clerk of the municipal court of the South Boston district ; and

To amend section 35 of chapter 372 of the Acts of 1874 relative to subscriptions by cities to railroad stock ;

Severally passed to be engrossed by the Senate, were read and ordered to a second reading. .

Legislative ex-  
penses.

The House Bill to amend chapter 309 of the Acts of the year 1869, entitled "An Act to provide for the proper auditing of legislative expenses," came down passed to be engrossed in concurrence, with an amendment, in which the House refused to concur.

*Communication from Supreme Court.*Office of register  
of probate.

The Speaker announced the reception of a communication from the supreme judicial court, transmitting its opinion on certain questions proposed to the court by an Order of the two branches relative to the power of the Legislature to abolish the office of register of probate and

insolvency; and conferring upon the Governor the power to appoint a clerk of the court of probate and insolvency.

The communication and replies were read, and, on motion of Mr. Morse of Boston, were laid on the table and ordered printed. (See House Document, No. 310.)

*Orders of the Day.*

The Bill to incorporate the Fidelity Assurance Company was read and rejected by a vote of 65 to 74. Orders of the day.

The Senate Bill to extend the jurisdiction of probate courts was rejected, in accordance with the recommendation of the committee on Probate and Chancery.

The Senate Resolve in relation to the claim of George M. Weston was rejected, in accordance with the recommendation of the committee on Finance.

Further consideration of the Senate Bill to authorize the city of Boston to construct a sewer in the Mystic Valley was postponed until to-morrow, pending amendments moved by Mr. Coffin of Winchester.

**Bills :**

To amend chapter 304 of the Acts of 1870, concerning the preservation of birds, birds' eggs and deer ;

To enable non-resident guardians to obtain property in this State belonging to their wards residing in other States or Territories of the United States ; and

**Resolves :**

Providing for printing the report of the Board of Education, and the laws relating to public schools (amended in accordance with the recommendation of the committee on Finance) ; and

In favor of Owen McDonald ;

Were severally read and ordered to a third reading.

At 4.30, the House

Adjourned.

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WEDNESDAY, April 21, 1875.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer was offered by the Chaplain.

*Petition Presented.*

By Mr. Robinson of Falmouth, petition of Charles E. Hayward for an Act of incorporation as the Menaubant

Menauhant  
Land and Wharf  
Co.

Land and Wharf Company. Referred, under the 20th joint rule, to the next General Court, a motion by Mr. Robinson to suspend the rule being negatived.

*Reports of Committees.*

N. Bridgewater  
Union Cemetery  
Co.

By Mr. Morse of Boston, from the committee on the Judiciary, that the Senate Bill to change the name of the North Bridgewater Union Cemetery Corporation ought to pass.

Suits.

By Mr. Rice of Worcester, from the same committee, that the Senate Bill concerning suits in which the Commonwealth is a party ought to pass.

Barre Falls Res-  
ervoir Co.

By the same gentleman, from the same committee, that the Senate Bill to amend chapter 377 of the Acts of 1874, entitled "An Act to incorporate the Barre Falls Reservoir Company," ought to pass.

Severally placed in the orders of the day for a second reading to-morrow.

B., C. & F. R. R.

By Mr. Frost of Boston, from the committee on Railroads, leave to withdraw, on petition of the Boston, Clinton and Fitchburg Railroad Company to increase its capital stock, and for other purposes.

Read and placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

*Discharged from the Orders.*

Commissioner  
of savingsbanks.

On motion of Mr. Whitney of Ashburnham, the Bill relating to the Commissioner of Savings Banks was discharged from the orders of the day, and was read and recommitted to the committee on State Salaries and Expenditures.

*Motion to Reconsider.*

Fidelity Assur-  
ance Co.

Mr. Pope of Boston moved to reconsider the vote whereby the House rejected the Bill to incorporate the Fidelity Assurance Company, but the motion was lost by a vote of 65 to 87.

*Taken from the Table.*

Estates held on  
condition.

On motion of Mr. Hale of Boston, the Bill in relation to estates held on condition. Pending the question of ordering to a third reading, the same gentleman moved to amend the bill by striking out all after the enacting clause, and inserting certain new sections. Pending the amend-

ment, the further consideration of the bill was postponed until to-morrow.

On motion of Mr. Osgood of Salem, the Bill relating to the probate office of the county of Suffolk. Placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow. Suffolk County probate office.

On motion of the same gentleman, the Bill relating to the employment of children, and regulations respecting them. Employment of children.

The pending amendments, moved by Messrs. Long of Hingham and Putnam of New Salem, were rejected, and, on motion of Mr. Osgood of Salem, the bill was indefinitely postponed.

On motion of Mr. Osgood of Salem, the communication from the supreme judicial court, relative to the power of the Legislature to abolish the office of register of probate and insolvency, and conferring upon the Governor the power to appoint a clerk of the court of probate and insolvency. Referred to the committee on Probate and Chancery. Office of register of probate.

### *Papers from the Senate.*

A Bill confirming a vote of the town of Westborough, passed November 4, 1856, passed to be engrossed by the Senate, was read and referred to the committee on the Judiciary. Westborough.

The House Resolve in favor of Louis A. De Ribas, which came down passed to be engrossed with an amendment, was referred to the committee on Claims. L. A. De Ribas.

### **Bills :**

Bills.

To amend an Act to incorporate the New Bedford Railroad Company ; and

To encourage the planting of shade-trees, laying out, ornamenting and maintaining cemeteries and cemetery lots, and erecting and maintaining drinking-fountains for domestic animals ;

Were severally read and ordered to a second reading.

### *Bills Enacted.*

### **Engrossed bills :**

Bills enacted.

To incorporate the Rockport Water Company ;

Relating to the location and construction of highways and railroads over public commons and parks ;

(Which severally originated in the House ;) and

To authorize the collection of the price of goods and

merchandise sold by unsealed weights and measures, or measured by an unsworn measurer ;

(Which originated in the Senate ;)

Were severally passed to be enacted, signed, and sent to the Senate.

*Orders of the Day.*

Orders of the day.

The report of the committee on Printing, that the Order relative to printing 4,000 extra copies of the report of the Bureau of the Statistics of Labor ought to be adopted, was considered, and the order, amended on motion of Mr. Pierce of Milton, making the number 2,000 instead of 4,000, was adopted.

The Bill concerning pickled fish, and to amend chapter 49 of the General Statutes, was read, and, on motion of Mr. Phillips of Salem, was laid on the table.

The Bill relating to certain employes of the Bureau of Statistics of Labor was read, and, on motion of Mr. May of Leicester, was recommitted to the committee on State Salaries and Expenditures.

The Bill in relation to the salaries of employes of the Sergeant-at-Arms was read, and, on motion of Mr. Bowker of Boston, was recommitted to the same committee.

**Bills :**

To authorize the city of Boston to construct a sewer in the Mystic Valley (amended on motion of Messrs. Ropes and Perkins of Boston and Coffin of Winchester) ;

To establish the city of Pittsfield (amended on motion of Mr. Codman of Boston) ;

Were severally read and ordered to a third reading.

The Bill to provide a further supply of water for the city of Cambridge was read (amended on motion of Mr. Coffin of Winchester), and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

**Bills :**

To incorporate the Suffolk Brewing Company ;

For the laying out of public parks in or near the city of Boston (amended on motion of Messrs. Cushing of Cambridge and Williams of Brookline) ;

In addition to an Act for supplying the city of Fall River with pure water (amended on motion of Mr. Pierce of Milton) ;

To enable non-resident guardians to obtain property in this State belonging to their wards residing in other States or Territories of the United States ; and

**Resolves :**

Granting county taxes (amended on Messrs. Cushing of Cambridge and May of Leicester) ; and

To authorize the purchase and distribution of Crocker's Notes on the General Statutes of Massachusetts ;

Were severally read, passed to be engrossed, and sent up for concurrence.

The motion to reconsider the vote whereby the House rejected the Bill providing for a survey of the Commonwealth was further considered. The yeas and nays being ordered, on motion of Mr. Smith of Dudley, the motion was negatived by a vote of 61 yeas to 108 nays, as follows :—

**YEAS.**

**Messrs.** Stephen M. Allen,  
Michael Atkinson,  
John J. Babson,  
Amasa W. Bailey,  
William H. Bent,  
John C. Bickford,  
Wm. E. Blunt,  
Reuben Boynton,  
Wm. E. Bright,  
James H. Carleton,  
William Carroll,  
Isaiah Churchill,  
Charles R. Codman,  
A. B. Coffin,  
J. W. Coveney,  
John A. Cummings,  
Ben. C. Currier,  
Levi L. Cushing, Jr.,  
James W. Dwyer,  
James E. Estabrook,  
Alpheus Fobes,  
William Frost,  
Elbridge H. Goss,  
Thomas T. Griggs,  
Dexter Grose,  
Charles Hale,  
Henry T. Holmes,  
Daniel P. Hopkinson,  
Frederick G. Howes,  
S. A. Jacobs,  
Isaac N. Keith,

**Messrs.** Philo Keith,  
Ziba C. Keith,  
Edward Kendall,  
William S. King,  
William S. Knox,  
Daniel W. Lawrence,  
George T. Lincoln,  
Samuel May,  
Wm. B. Merrill,  
Joseph Mitchell, 2d,  
F. G. Morris,  
John T. Morse,  
George L. Newton,  
Isaac N. Nutter,  
Charles S. Osgood,  
Wm. E. Perkins,  
Willard P. Phillips,  
Willard Putnam,  
John L. Robinson,  
Joseph S. Ropes,  
Cyrus Savage,  
John L. Smith,  
Richard H. Stearns,  
Isaac Stone,  
Wm. A. Thompson,  
Daniel H. Thurston,  
George H. Torrey,  
Albert J. Trull,  
George M. Warren,  
Joseph White.

**NAYS.**

**Messrs.** James Abbe,  
Ebenezer Adams,

**Messrs.** Samuel Allen,  
Andrew Athy,

Messrs. Daniel D. Bailey, Cyrus F. Baker, John I. Baker, James Bergin, John Best, John H. Blake, Stephen F. Blaney, Frederick L. Bosworth, Sylvester W. Bowen, Horace L. Bowker, Osgood Bradley, Jr., Wm. E. Bridgman, Wilbur F. Brigham, Samuel R. Brintnall, Isaac T. Burr, William Chase, Austin H. Connell, Owen Coogan, Augustine P. Cook, F. S. Coolidge, Lowell Coolidge, William D. Curtis, Benjamin F. Davis, Epes Davis, Jacob W. Davis, Henry Dennis, Jr., Neil Doherty, George W. Dyer, Edwin Ellis, John B. Fairbanks, Luther Fisk, Samuel Flower, Charles L. Gardner, Albert W. Gaskill, James W. Gaylord, William M. Gaylord, Emerson Geer, Edward E. Gibbs, Benjamin Gifford, Charles H. Greene, George Hall, Solomon E. Hallett, David E. Harding, William A. Haskell, Nicholas Hatheway, Nathan M. Hawkes, Moses B. Heywood, Samuel R. Heywood, Joseph W. Hill, E. Everett Holbrook,	Messrs. Amos B. Holden, S. D. Hood, M. M. Hovey, Wm. B. Howard, Henry L. James, Edward J. Johnson, Thomas Johnson, George W. Jones, Wm. Keith, Joel Knapp, John B. Le Baron, Pliny T. Litchfield, James L. Locke, William Martin, Edward S. May, Clement Meserve, Southard H. Miller, Henry S. Miner, Daniel Noonan, Joseph F. Paul, Chas. M. Peirce, Jr., Chas. H. Pew, 2d, Thomas F. Plunkett, Alanson B. Pomeroy, Richard Pope, Isaac Pratt, Jr., Albert E. Rice, William W. Rice, Thomas Rich, Joshua C. Robinson, Wallace F. Robinson, Cyrus K. Russell, Nathaniel J. Rust, John S. Ryder, John Sanborn, Chas. B. Sanford, Nathaniel Seaver, Frederick P. Shaw, Geo. D. Smalley, Abraham H. Smith, Albert Smith, E. F. Smith, E. A. Spaulding, Lafayette Stevens, John C. Stimpson, Leonard A. Thayer, Dexter A. Tompkins, Enoch H. Towne, Byron Truell, Edmond M. Vincent,
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Messrs. Henry M. Wilcox,  
William Winn,

Messrs. Nathan M. Wood,  
Walter Wyman.

Yeas, 61 ; nays, 108.

At 4.50, the House  
Adjourned.

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THURSDAY, April 22, 1875.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer was offered by the Chaplain.

*Petition Presented.*

By Mr. Coolidge of Westminster, petition of F. S. Coolidge and others for a savings bank in Westminster. Referred, under suspension of the 20th joint rule, to the committee on Banks and Banking.

Westminster—  
savings bank.

Sent up for concurrence.

*Introduced on Leave.*

By Mr. Rice of Worcester, a Bill to extend the time for locating and constructing the Boston, Barre and Gardner Railroad in the city of Worcester. Read and referred, under suspension of the 20th joint rule, to the committee on Railroads.

Boston, Barre  
and Gardner  
Railroad.

Sent up for concurrence.

*Order.*

On motion of Mr. Hill of Boston,—

*Ordered*, That the joint special committee on State Salaries and Expenditures be instructed to make a final report, embracing all matters referred to them, on or before April 29.

State Salaries,  
etc.

Sent up for concurrence.

*Reports of Committees.*

By Mr. Hawkes of Lynn, from the committee on Mercantile Affairs, that the Bill to incorporate Foster's Wharf Company ought to pass in a new draft.

Foster's Wharf  
Co.

By Mr. Osgood of Salem, from the committee on Probate and Chancery, that the Bill (on leave) concerning wills of deceased persons ought to pass in a new draft,

Wills.



entitled "A Bill concerning the custodians of wills of deceased persons."

Severally read and ordered to a second reading.

Lee fire district.

By Mr. Codman of Boston, from the committee on the Judiciary, that the Bill (on leave) to legalize certain doings of the Lee Fire District ought to pass. Placed in the orders of the day for a second reading to-morrow.

Running streams as sewers.

By Mr. Cushing of Cambridge, from the committee on Finance, asking to be discharged from the consideration of the Senate Bill to provide for the appointment of a commission to investigate the question of the use of running streams as common sewers in its relation to the public health. The committee was discharged, and the bill placed in the orders of the day for a second reading to-morrow.

Philadelphia centennial.

By Mr. White of Williamstown, from the committee on Education, a Resolve in relation to the representation of Massachusetts at the Centennial Exposition at Philadelphia. Read and referred in course to the committee on Finance.

Baby farms.

By Mr. Goodspeed of Barnstable, from the committee on Public Charitable Institutions, asking to be discharged from further consideration of the petition of the selectmen and others of Holliston for a law relative to "orphan homes," or "baby farms," and recommending that it be referred to the Board of State Charities, with instructions to investigate and report to the next General Court. Read and placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

#### *Papers from the Senate.*

Contracts with officers.

The House Bill relating to contracts with certain public officers came down passed to be engrossed in concurrence, with an amendment, and was referred, under the rule, to the committee on the Judiciary.

Clerks of courts.

A Resolve providing for an amendment of the Constitution in relation to clerks of courts was read and ordered to a second reading.

#### *Discharged from the Orders.*

State Almshouse.

On motion of Mr. Pierce of Malden, the Bill relating to certain officers and employes at the State Almshouse at Tewksbury.

State charities.

On motion of Mr. Miner of Phillipston, the Bill relating to certain officers of the Board of State Charities.

Severally read a second time and recommitted to the committee on State Salaries and Expenditures.

On motion of Mr. Howes of Ashfield, the Bill for supplying the city of Taunton with pure water. <sup>Taunton—water.</sup> Recommitted to the committee on Water Supply and Drainage.

*Bills Enacted.*

Engrossed bills :

Bills enacted.

Relating to limited partnerships ;

To allow executors and administrators with the will annexed to mortgage real estate of their testators ;

To revive the Union Mutual Loan and Fund Association for certain purposes ;

To annex a portion of the towns of South Abington and East Bridgewater to the town of Brockton ; also a portion of the town of Brockton to the town of South Abington ;

To authorize the Commissioners on Public Lands to release a certain parcel of land in East Boston ;

To set off a part of the town of Sandisfield to the town of Monterey ;

(Which severally originated in the House ;)

Were severally passed to be enacted, signed, and sent to the Senate.

Engrossed resolves :

Resolves passed.

In favor of Albert Franklin Howland ;

In favor of Richard F. Andrews ;

In favor of George H. Hall ;

In favor of Isabell Campbell ;

In favor of company F, second regiment infantry, Massachusetts volunteer militia ;

(Which severally originated in the House ;) and

In favor of Laura J. Brown ;

(Which originated in the Senate ;)

Were severally passed, signed, and sent to the Senate.

*Reconsiderations.*

On motion of Mr. Robinson of Falmouth, the vote was reconsidered whereby the House refused yesterday to suspend the 20th joint rule to allow the reference to a committee of the petition of Charles E. Hayward for an Act of incorporation as the Menauhant Land and Wharf Company, and the petition was referred to the committee on Mercantile Affairs, under suspension of the rule. <sup>Menauhant Land and Wharf Co.</sup>

Sent up for concurrence.

Non-resident  
guardians.

On motion of Mr. Williams of Brookline, the vote was reconsidered whereby the House yesterday passed to be engrossed the Bill to enable non-resident guardians to obtain property in this State belonging to their wards residing in other States or Territories of the United States. Pending the recurring question of the engrossment of the bill, it was, on motion of the same gentleman, laid on the table.

*Orders of the Day.*

Orders of the  
day.

The report of the committee on Railroads, leave to withdraw, on petition of the Boston, Clinton and Fitchburg Railroad Company to increase its capital stock, and for other purposes, was accepted, and sent up for concurrence.

**Reports :**

Of the committee on Railroads, no legislation necessary, on the report of the state directors of the Boston and Albany Railroad Company for 1874 ; also

On a communication from the railroad commissioners relative to the transportation of grain over the Boston and Albany Railroad ;

Were severally accepted in concurrence.

The Bill relating to certain employes at the State Workhouse at Bridgewater was read, and, on motion of Mr. Sanborn of Boston, recommitted to the committee on State Salaries and Expenditures.

The Bill in relation to estates held on condition was further considered, and, on motion of Mr. Meserve of Hopkinton, recommitted to the committee on the Judiciary, pending amendments moved by Mr. Hale of Boston.

**Bills :**

To apportion and assess a state tax of two million dollars ;

Relating to Sunderland Bridge ;

To fix the salary of the clerk of the municipal court of the South Boston district ;

To annex a part of the city of Boston to the city of Newton ;

To amend section 35 of chapter 372 of the Acts of 1874, relative to subscriptions by cities to railroad stock (amended on motion of Messrs. Kimball and Codman of Boston) ;

Relating to the probate office of the county of Suffolk ;  
To encourage the planting of shade-trees, laying out, ornamenting and maintaining parks, cemeteries and cemetery lots, and erecting and maintaining drinking-fountains for domestic animals ;

To amend an Act to incorporate the New Bedford Railroad Company ;

To amend chapter 377 of the Acts of 1874, entitled "An Act to incorporate the Barre Falls Reservoir Company" ;

Concerning suits in which the Commonwealth is a party ; and

To change the name of the North Bridgewater Union Cemetery Corporation ;

Were severally read and ordered to a third reading.

Bills :

To amend chapter 304 of the Acts of 1870, concerning the preservation of birds, birds' eggs and deer ; and

To authorize the city of Boston to construct a sewer in the Mystic Valley (amended on motion of Messrs. Long of Hingham and Coffin of Winchester) ;

Were severally read and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

The Bill to establish the city of Pittsfield was read, passed to be engrossed, and sent up for concurrence.

The Resolve in favor of Owen McDonald was read, amended on motion of Messrs. Brigham of Hudson and Hale of Boston, and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

The Resolve providing for printing the report of the Board of Education and the laws relating to public schools, and for other purposes, was read, passed to be engrossed, and sent up for concurrence.

Resolves :

In favor of Mary Lamb ; and

In favor of James H. Look ;

Were severally read and rejected, the latter by a vote of 78 to 44.

At 4.30, the House

Adjourned.

FRIDAY, April 23, 1875.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer was offered by the Chaplain.

*Petition Presented.*

**W. & F. Shanly.** By Mr. Plunkett of Pittsfield, petition of Harvey Arnold and others in aid of the memorial of Walter and Francis Shanly. Referred to the committee on Claims, and sent up for concurrence.

*Introduced on Leave.*

**Williamsburg.** By Mr. James of Williamsburg, under suspension of the rule, a Resolve in favor of the town of Williamsburg. Read and referred to the committee on Finance.

*Order.*

On motion of Mr. Hillman of Chilmark,—

**Two sessions.** *Ordered,* That on and after Tuesday, April 27, each session of the House be considered a legislative day, and that the morning sessions begin at 11 o'clock.

Also, that the date above named be considered the beginning of the last week of the session.

*Reports of Committees.*

**Palmer's River.** By Mr. Johnson of Nahant, from the committee on the Fisheries, on an order, a Bill in addition to an Act to regulate the fishery in Palmer's River.

**Seventeenth of June, 1875.** By Mr. Blaney of Peabody, from the committee on Finance, that the Resolve concerning the celebration of the 17th of June, 1875, ought to pass in a new draft.

**Labor contracts.** By Mr. Robinson of Wenham, from the committee on the Labor Question, that the Bill (on leave) to regulate special contracts for labor ought to pass in a new draft.

Severally read and ordered to a second reading.

**Philadelphia centennial.** By Mr. Kimball of Boston, from the committee on Finance, that the Resolve in relation to the representation of Massachusetts at the Centennial Exposition at Philadelphia ought to pass. Placed in the orders of the day for a second reading to-morrow.

**Chas. Burleigh.** By Mr. Miller of Fall River, from the committee on Finance, that the Resolve in favor of Charles Burleigh ought not to pass.

By Mr. Whitney of Ashburnham, from the same committee, that the Resolve in favor of the Massachusetts Agricultural College ought not to pass. Agricultural College.

Severally placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow, the question in each case being on rejection.

By Mr. Phillips of Salem, from the committee on Railroads, inexpedient to legislate, on memorial of the National Board of Trade for certain railroad legislation. National Board of Trade

By Mr. Knapp of Lowell, from the same committee, inexpedient to legislate, on the Resolves of the town of Weymouth in relation to the purchase of the Boston and Albany Railroad by the Commonwealth. (Mr. Fairbanks of Natick, a minority of the committee, dissented from the report, and recommended the passage of a Bill to provide for the purchase of the Boston and Albany Railroad, and to incorporate the State Board of Trustees to manage the same.) Weymouth—B. & A. R. R.

Report of the committee of conference on the matter of difference between the two branches in relation to the Bill to supply the town of Watertown with pure water, that the Senate concur with the amendments of the House at (A) and (B), and at (C) with an amendment. Watertown.

Severally read and placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

By Mr. Holden of Westminster, from the committee on Claims, that the House ought to concur in the amendments of the Senate to the Resolve in favor of Louis A. De Ribas. The report was read, accepted under a suspension of the rule, and the amendments concurred in. L. A. De Ribas.

By Mr. Pratt of Boston, from the committee on Claims, on petition, a Resolve in favor of Philip Mackey. Read and referred in course to the committee on Finance. Philip Mackey.

By Mr. Cummings of Somerville, from the committee on Claims, leave to withdraw, on petition of Judith D. Young for state aid. Read, accepted under suspension of the rule, and sent up for concurrence. J. D. Young.

### *Papers from the Senate.*

The House Bill concerning the Treasurer of the city of Boston, and to establish the office of collector of taxes for said city came down passed to be engrossed in concurrence, with an amendment, in which the House concurred, under suspension of the rule requiring reference to a committee. Treasurer of Boston.

Westfield—  
drainage.

. A Bill concerning sewerage and drainage in the town of Westfield, passed to be engrossed by the Senate, was read and ordered to a second reading.

Legislative ex-  
penses.

The House Bill to amend chapter 309 of the Acts of the year 1869, entitled "An Act to provide for the proper auditing of legislative expenses," came down with the indorsement that the Senate insisted on its amendment. On motion of Mr. Kimball of Boston, the House insisted upon its non-concurrence, and asked for a committee of conference; and Messrs. Phillips of Salem, Hall of Boston, and Miner of Phillipston were appointed on its part. Sent up for concurrence.

June 17, 1876.

A Bill to make the seventeenth day of June, in the year 1875, a legal holiday, came down, passed to be engrossed by the Senate. The Bill was read, and, on motion of Mr. Codman of Boston, the rule was suspended requiring reference to a committee, and it was, on motion of the same gentleman, placed in the orders of the day for a second reading to-day.

### *Bills Enacted.*

Bills enacted.

Engrossed bills:

Concerning the maintenance of the bridge near Bardwell's Ferry;

To authorize aqueduct corporations to increase their capital stock; and

To provide means for the completion of the Worcester Lunatic Hospital by the issue of scrip, and for the redemption of the same, and for other purposes;

(Which severally originated in the House;)

Were severally passed to be enacted, signed, and sent to the Senate.

### *Taken from the Table.*

Non-resident  
guardians.

On motion of Mr. Williams of Brookline, the Bill to enable non-resident guardians to obtain property in this State belonging to their wards residing in other States or Territories of the United States. The bill was amended on motion of the same gentleman, passed to be engrossed, and sent up for concurrence.

Pickled fish.

On motion of Mr. Churchill of Boston, the Bill concerning pickled fish, and to amend chapter 49 of the General Statutes. Pending the question of engrossment, the bill was, on motion of the same gentleman, postponed for further consideration until Tuesday next.

*Orders of the Day.*

The report of the committee on Public Charitable Institutions, asking to be discharged from the further consideration of the petition of the selectmen and others of the town of Holliston, for a law relative to "orphan homes" or "baby farms," and recommending that it be referred to the Board of State Charities, with instructions to investigate and report to the next General Court, was accepted and sent up for concurrence. Orders of the day.

The Bill concerning the custodians of wills of deceased persons was read, and on motion of Mr. Hale of Boston laid on the table.

**Bills :**

To incorporate the Massachusetts Family Life Insurance Company (amended on motion of Messrs. Paul and Sanborn of Boston and Cushing of Cambridge) ;

To incorporate Foster's Wharf Company ;

To make the seventeenth day of June, 1875, a legal holiday ;

To legalize certain doings of the Lee Fire District ; and a

Resolve providing for an amendment of the Constitution in relation to clerks of courts ;

Were severally read and ordered to a third reading.

**Bills :**

To apportion and assess a state tax of two million dollars ; and

Relating to the probate office of the county of Suffolk ;

Were severally read, passed to be engrossed, and sent up for concurrence.

**Bills :**

Relating to Sunderland Bridge ;

To fix the salary of the clerk of the municipal court of the South Boston district ;

To amend section 35 of chapter 372 of the Acts of 1874, relative to subscriptions by cities to railroad stock (the title being amended, on motion of Mr. Codman, to read as follows : "An Act to repeal so much of chapter 372 of the Acts of the year 1874 as authorizes cities and towns to subscribe to the capital stock and securities of railroad corporations") ;

To annex a part of the city of Boston to the city of Newton ;



To encourage the planting of shade-trees, laying out, ornamenting and maintaining parks, cemeteries and cemetery lots, and erecting and maintaining drinking-fountains for domestic animals ;

To amend an Act to incorporate the New Bedford Railroad Company ;

To amend chapter 377 of the Acts of 1874, entitled "An Act to incorporate the Barre Falls Reservoir Company" ;

Concerning suits in which the Commonwealth is a party (amended on motion of Mr. Long of Hingham) ; and

To change the name of the North Bridgewater Union Cemetery Corporation ;

Were severally read and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

The Bill to provide for the appointment of a commission to investigate the question of the use of running streams as common sewers in its relation to public health, was read and amended on motion of Messrs. Goss of Melrose and Kimball of Boston.

The title was also amended, on motion of Mr. Goss, to read as follows : "Bill to provide for the investigation of the question of the use of running streams as common sewers in its relation to public health."

The bill, as amended, was ordered to a third reading.

#### *Motion to Reconsider.*

**Shade trees, etc.** The orders of the day having been finished, Mr. Osgood of Salem moved to reconsider the vote whereby the House passed to be engrossed the Bill to encourage the planting of shade-trees, laying out, ornamenting and maintaining parks, cemeteries and cemetery lots, and erecting and maintaining drinking-fountains for domestic animals. Placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

The Speaker announced that he would be absent on Saturday and Monday, and designated Mr. Long of Hingham to occupy the chair on Saturday, and Mr. King of Boston on Monday.

At 3.40, the House  
Adjourned.

SATURDAY, April 24, 1875.

Met according to adjournment, Mr. Long of Hingham in the chair.

Prayer was offered by the Chaplain.

*Discharged from the Orders.*

On motion of Mr. Fairbanks of Natick, the report of the committee on Railroads, inexpedient to legislate, on the Resolve of the town of Weymouth in relation to the purchase of the Boston and Albany Railroad by the Commonwealth was discharged from the orders of the day, and its further consideration was postponed until Tuesday next. Weymouth—  
B. & A. R. R.

*Reconsideration.*

On motion of Mr. Churchill of Boston, the vote whereby the House yesterday adopted the Order relative to making each session a legislative day, and that Tuesday next be considered the beginning of the last week of the session, was reconsidered. The order was amended, on motion of Mr. Codman of Boston, by striking out the last paragraph, and as amended was rejected. Two sessions.

*Papers from the Senate.*

A petition of Wendell Phillips and others, asking that the Hoosac Tunnel be retained in the possession of the State, referred by the Senate to the committee on Railroads, was, in non-concurrence, placed on file, with the papers on that subject. Hoosac Tunnel.

The House Bill to amend section 9 of chapter 376 of the Acts of the year 1874, concerning lists of voters in cities, came down passed to be engrossed, with an amendment, and was referred to the committee on Elections. Lists of voters  
in cities.

The House Bill to prohibit the seining of fish in the ponds on the island of Nantucket came down passed to be engrossed, with an amendment, in which the House concurred. Nantucket  
ponds.

*Reports of Committees.*

By Mr. Pierce of Milton, from the committee on the Judiciary, that the further consideration of the Order relative to the appointment of a commission to revise the Judicial system.

judicial system of the Commonwealth be referred to the next General Court.

Manufacturing  
corporations.

By the same gentleman, from the same committee, inexpedient to legislate, on an Order relative to amending chapter 224 of the Acts of 1870, concerning manufacturing and other corporations.

Limiting ses-  
sions of Legisla-  
ture.

By the same gentleman, from the joint special committee on Constitutional Amendments, inexpedient to legislate on Orders relative to an amendment of the Constitution limiting the annual sessions of the General Court to one hundred days.

Severally read and placed in the orders of the day for Monday.

By Mr. Miner of Phillipston, from the committee on State Salaries and Expenditures, that the bills

State Alma-  
house.

Relating to certain officers and employes at the State Almshouse at Tewksbury; and

State Work-  
house.

Relating to certain employes of the State Workhouse at Bridgewater, ought to pass.

Severally placed in the orders of the day for Monday, the question in each case being on ordering to a third reading.

Labor Bureau.

By Mr. Miner of Phillipston, from the committee on State Salaries and Expenditures, that the Bill relating to certain employes of the Bureau of Statistics of Labor ought not to pass. Placed in the orders of the day for Monday, the question being on rejection.

Webster Square  
M. E. Church.

By Mr. Rice of Worcester, from the committee on the Judiciary, that the Bill (on leave) to legalize certain records and proceedings of the Webster Square Methodist Episcopal Church of Worcester, ought to pass.

Court practice.

By Mr. Knox of Lawrence, from the same committee, that the Bill (on leave) to amend chapter 248 of the Acts of 1874, relating to rules of practice in the supreme judicial and superior courts ought to pass.

Severally placed in the orders of the day for a second reading on Monday.

### *Orders of the Day.*

Orders of the  
day.

#### **Reports :**

Of the committee on Railroads, inexpedient to legislate, on memorial of the National Board of Trade for certain railway legislation; and

Of the committee of conference on the matter of dif-

ference between the two branches relative to the Bill to supply the town of Watertown with pure water, were severally accepted and sent up for concurrence.

The Bill in addition to an Act to regulate the fishery in Palmer's River, was read and ordered to a third reading.

**Bills :**

To legalize certain doings of the Lee Fire District ; and  
To incorporate Foster's Wharf Company ;

Were severally read, passed to be engrossed, and sent up for concurrence.

The motion of Mr. Osgood of Salem, to reconsider the vote whereby the House passed to be engrossed the Bill to encourage the planting of shade-trees, laying out, ornamenting and maintaining parks, cemeteries and cemetery lots, and erecting and maintaining drinking-fountains for domestic animals, was carried. Pending the recurring question of engrossment, the bill was amended, on motion of Mr. Osgood, and again passed to be engrossed in concurrence. The title was also amended, on motion of the same gentleman, by striking out the last three words.

Sent up for concurrence in the amendments.

The Resolve in favor of Charles Burleigh was rejected, in accordance with the recommendation of the committee on Finance.

The Resolve providing for an amendment of the Constitution in relation to clerks of courts was read a third time, and the question being stated on agreeing to said article of amendment, in these words, to wit : "So much of the nineteenth article of the amendments of the Constitution of this Commonwealth as relates to the election of clerks of courts is hereby annulled, and clerks of courts shall be nominated and appointed by the Governor, by and with the advice and consent of the Council," it was agreed to, two-thirds of the members of the House present and voting thereon, by yeas and nays, having voted in the affirmative, as follows :—

**YEAS.**

Messrs. Samuel Allen,  
John J. Babson,  
John I. Baker,  
John H. Bell,  
John Best,  
John H. Blake,

Messrs. Stephen F. Blaney,  
Wm. E. Blunt,  
Selwyn Z. Bowman,  
Reuben Boynton,  
Osgood Bradley, Jr.,  
Wm. E. Bright,

**Messrs.** Samuel R. Brintnall,  
 Charles M. Brown,  
 Gardner A. Churchill,  
 Charles R. Codman,  
 A. B. Coffin,  
 Augustine P. Cook,  
 Lowell Coolidge,  
 John A. Cummings,  
 Francis C. Curtis,  
 Lewis Day,  
 Henry Dennis, Jr.,  
 James E. Estabrook,  
 John B. Fairbanks,  
 Samuel Flower,  
 Alpheus Fobes,  
 Joseph Fobes,  
 William Frost,  
 Albert W. Gaskill,  
 James W. Gaylord,  
 William M. Gaylord,  
 Elbridge H. Goss,  
 Thomas T. Griggs,  
 Charles Hale,  
 George Hall,  
 William A. Haskell,  
 George Haven,  
 Nathan M. Hawkes,  
 George Heywood,  
 Samuel R. Heywood,  
 Joseph W. Hill,  
 Salmon D. Hood,  
 Daniel P. Hopkinson,  
 Wm. B. Howard,  
 Edward Kendall,  
 Moses Kimball,  
 Wm. S. King,  
 James L. Locke,  
 John D. Long,  
 Edward S. May,

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 Wm. B. Merrill,  
 Joseph Mitchell, 2d,  
 Edward W. Noble,  
 Isaac N. Nutter,  
 Charles S. Osgood,  
 Harrison D. Packard,  
 Joseph F. Paul,  
 Chas. M. Peirce, Jr.,  
 Wm. E. Perkins,  
 Edward L. Pierce,  
 Thomas F. Plunkett,  
 Isaac Pratt, Jr.,  
 Willard Putnam,  
 George W. Reed,  
 John L. Robinson,  
 Charles A. Rogers,  
 Joseph S. Ropes,  
 John Sanborn,  
 Cyrus Savage,  
 John Savery,  
 Ebenezer Sawyer,  
 Frederick P. Shaw,  
 Isaiah A. Small,  
 Edward F. Smith,  
 John L. Smith,  
 Richard H. Stearns,  
 Chas. A. F. Swan,  
 Wm. A. Thompson,  
 George H. Torrey,  
 Enoch H. Towne,  
 Byron Truell,  
 Albert J. Trull,  
 Chas. R. Tucker, Jr.,  
 Artemas S. Tyler,  
 George M. Warren,  
 Moses Williams, Jr.,  
 William Woods,  
 Walter Wyman.

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 Michael Atkinson,  
 Amasa W. Bailey,  
 Cyrus F. Baker,  
 Wilbur F. Brigham,  
 Michael Carney,  
 Patrick Collins,  
 Austin H. Connell,  
 Benj. F. Davis,

**Messrs.** Neil Doherty,  
 C. W. Duggan,  
 John D. Flynn,  
 Edward E. Gibbs,  
 Benjamin Gifford,  
 David E. Harding,  
 Amos B. Holden,  
 M. M. Hovey,  
 Edward J. Johnson,

Messrs. Philo Keith,  
George P. Kingsley,  
Daniel W. Lawrence,  
Daniel J. Lewis,  
James T. Mahony,  
George L. Newton,  
Daniel Noonan,  
Charles H. Pew, 2d,  
Stephen C. Phinney,

Messrs. Edward B. Rankin,  
John S. Ryder,  
Abraham H. Smith,  
Albert Smith,  
E. A. Spaulding,  
John C. Stimpson,  
Isaac Stone,  
Daniel J. Sweeney,  
Leonard A. Thayer,

Yeas, 90 ; nays, 36.

The Resolve in favor of the Massachusetts Agricultural College was considered, pending which, at 1.15, P. M., the House  
Adjourned.

MONDAY, April 26, 1875.

Met according to adjournment, Mr. King of Boston in the chair.

Prayer was offered by the Chaplain.

*Introduced on Leave.*

By Mr. Long of Hingham, a Bill to authorize the town of Westford. of Westford to raise or appropriate money for the purpose of erecting a monument. Read and referred, under suspension of the 20th joint rule, to the committee on Military Affairs, and sent up for concurrence.

By Mr. Williams of Brookline, under suspension of the rule, a Bill to amend an Act to authorize the town of Brookline. Brookline. to borrow money to pay for the construction of sewers and for the establishment of a sinking fund. The bill was read, and under suspension of the rules took its several readings, was passed to be engrossed, and sent up for concurrence.

*Report of a Committee.*

By Mr. Tyler of Lowell, from the committee on Banks and Banking, reference to the next General Court, on petition of F. S. Coolidge and others for a savings bank in Westminster. Westminster—savings bank. Read and placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

*Papers from the Senate.*

The following order, adopted by the Senate, was laid over, at the request of Mr. Perkins of Boston :—

Lexington and  
Concord.

*Ordered*, That a joint committee be appointed, to request of Richard H. Dana, Jr., and George William Curtis, copies of the addresses delivered by them respectively at Lexington and Concord, on the centennial anniversary of the opening of the War of the Revolution, that the same may be printed by the Legislature, with a brief account of the other exercises upon that occasion, at which the Legislature, with the Executive and Judiciary of the Commonwealth, were present as guests.

Museum of  
Zoölogy.

A Bill to amend section 2 of chapter 208 of the Acts of 1859, relating to the Trustees of the Museum of Comparative Zoölogy, passed to be engrossed by the Senate, was read and ordered to a second reading.

*Orders of the Day.*

Orders of the  
day.

The report of the committee on the Judiciary, reference to next General Court, on the Order relative to the expediency of the appointment of a commission to revise the judicial system of the Commonwealth, was accepted.

The report of the joint special committee on Constitutional Amendments, inexpedient to legislate, on an Order relative to an amendment to the Constitution limiting the annual sessions of the General Court to one hundred days was accepted and sent up for concurrence.

The Resolve in favor of the Massachusetts Agricultural College was further considered, and indefinitely postponed, on motion of Mr. Perkins of Boston.

The Bill to regulate special contracts for labor was read a second time, and, on motion of Mr. Meserve of Hopkinton, was referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

The Bill relating to certain employes of the Bureau of Statistics of Labor was rejected, in accordance with the recommendation of the committee on State Salaries and Expenditures.

*Bills :*

Concerning sewerage and drainage in Westfield ;

To amend chapter 248 of the Acts of 1874, relating to rules of practice in the supreme judicial and superior courts ; and

To legalize certain records and proceedings of the Web-

ster Square Methodist Episcopal Church of Worcester ; and the

Resolve concerning the celebration of the 17th of June, 1875 (amended on motion of Messrs. Hale and Perkins of Boston) ;

Were severally read and ordered to a third reading.

The Bill to make the seventeenth day of June, 1875, a legal holiday was read and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

**Bills :**

To incorporate the Massachusetts Family Bank (amended on motion of Mr. Sanborn of Boston) ; and

In addition to an Act to regulate the fishery in Palmer's River ;

Were severally read, passed to be engrossed, and sent up for concurrence.

The Bill to provide for the investigation of the question of the use of running streams as common sewers in its relation to public health was read and considered.

After debate, the previous question was ordered, on motion of Mr. Woods of Boston, and the bill was declared passed to be engrossed. The vote was doubted, and pending a verification of the same, a count of the House was called for and had, showing that a quorum was not present.

The Sergeant-at-Arms was ordered by the House to bring in absentees, and a call of the House was ordered. The roll being called, 94 members answered to their names, as follows :—

**Messrs.** Samuel Allen,  
Stephen M. Allen,  
Andrew Athy,  
Michael Atkinson,  
John J. Babson,  
Cyrus F. Baker,  
John H. Blake,  
Stephen F. Blaney,  
William E. Blunt,  
Horace L. Bowker,  
Selwyn Z. Bowman,  
Reuben Boynton,  
Wilbur F. Brigham,  
Samuel R. Brintnall,  
Charles M. Brown,  
Michael Carney,

**Messrs.** Charles R. Codman,  
Patrick Collins,  
Augustine P. Cook,  
Frederick S. Coolidge,  
Lowell Coolidge,  
A. M. Copeland,  
Ben. C. Currier,  
Epes Davis,  
Henry Dennis, Jr.,  
C. W. Duggan,  
George W. Dyer,  
Edwin Ellis,  
Luther Fisk,  
Samuel Flower,  
John D. Flynn,  
William Frost,



Messrs. Charles L. Gardner,  
 James W. Gaylord,  
 Levi L. Goodspeed,  
 Daniel G. Green,  
 Charles Hale,  
 Solomon E. Hallett,  
 Joseph W. Hill,  
 Amos B. Holden,  
 Henry T. Holmes,  
 Salmon D. Hood,  
 Daniel P. Hopkinson,  
 Wm. B. Howard,  
 Francis M. Hughes,  
 Edward J. Johnson,  
 Thomas Johnson,  
 Edward Kendall,  
 William S. King,  
 George P. Kingsley,  
 Joel Knapp,  
 Daniel J. Lewis,  
 James T. Mahony,  
 Edward S. May,  
 Samuel May,  
 James A. McDonald,  
 Wm. B. Merrill,  
 Henry S. Miner,  
 Joseph Mitchell, 2d,  
 John T. Morse,  
 Geo. L. Newton,  
 Edward W. Noble,  
 Daniel Noonan,

Messrs. Charles S. Osgood,  
 William E. Perkins,  
 Willard P. Phillips,  
 Thomas F. Plunkett,  
 William W. Rice,  
 Thomas Rich,  
 John L. Robinson,  
 Charles A. Rogers,  
 Joseph S. Ropes,  
 John S. Ryder,  
 John Sanborn,  
 Charles B. Sanford,  
 Ebenezer Sawyer,  
 Isaiah A. Small,  
 George D. Smalley,  
 John L. Smith,  
 Isaac Stebbins,  
 John C. Stimpson,  
 Isaac Stone,  
 Dan'l J. Sweeney,  
 Samuel Talbot, Jr.,  
 Daniel H. Thurston,  
 Enoch H. Towne,  
 Artemas S. Tyler,  
 Edmond M. Vincent,  
 George M. Warren,  
 Austin C. Wellington,  
 Wilbur F. Whitney,  
 Moses Williams, Jr.,  
 John H. Woodbury,  
 William Woods. <sup>Boston,</sup>

At 4.45, the House  
 Adjourned.

TUESDAY, April 27, 1875.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer was offered by the Rev. Mr. Noble of Truro, a member of the House.

*Order.*

On motion of Mr. Goss of Melrose,—

*Ordered*, That Friday next, April 30, at 2½ o'clock, P. M., be assigned for the choice by ballot of the next preacher of the annual election sermon.

Election sermon.

The Senate Order relative to printing a volume containing orations and other proceedings at Lexington and Concord, which was laid over yesterday, was amended, on motion of Mr. Bowker of Boston, and, on motion of Mr. Merrill of Boston, indefinitely postponed.

Concord and  
Lexington.

### *Reports of Committees.*

By Mr. Dwyer of Adams, from the committee on Railroads, leave to withdraw, on petition of the Lee and New Haven Railroad Company for extension of the provisions of chapter 313 of the Acts of 1868, and for extension of time to construct their railroad; and the report of the commissioners on the Lee and New Haven Railroad. Read, accepted under suspension of the rule, and sent at once to the Senate for concurrence.

Lee and New  
Haven Railroad.

By Mr. Whitney of Ashburnham, from the committee on Finance, that the Resolve in favor of Priscilla Freeman ought to pass, with an amendment.

Priscilla Free-  
man.

By Mr. Cushing of Cambridge, from the same committee, that the Resolve in favor of Philip Mackey ought to pass.

Philip Mackey.

Severally placed in the orders of the day for a second reading to-morrow.

By Mr. Williams of Brookline, from the joint special committee on Specie Payments, that the Bill to promote and facilitate a resumption of specie payments ought to pass in the form of resolutions submitted, which were read and placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

Specie pay-  
ments.

By Mr. Cushing of Cambridge, from the committee on Finance, that the Resolve in favor of the town of Williamsburg ought to pass in a new draft. Read and ordered to a second reading.

Williamsburg.

By Mr. Allen of Walpole, from the committee on Claims, that the petition of William D. Chamberlain and officers and privates of company I, 29th regiment, Massachusetts volunteer militia, be referred to the next General Court. Read and placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

W. D. Chamber-  
lain et al.

### *Papers from the Senate.*

Bills:

Bills.

To protect the banks of the Connecticut River between Hadley and Northampton;

To provide for the construction and maintenance of a highway and bridge across the Connecticut River at Turner's Falls; and

Granting a parcel of land to the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, and authorizing said institute to release to the city of Boston another parcel of land now held by it (passed to be engrossed by the Senate), were severally read and placed in the orders of the day for a second reading to-morrow.

**Apothecaries.**

Notice was received from the Senate of the rejection by that branch of the House Bill to regulate the issuing of certain medicines by apothecaries and others.

*Bills Enacted.***Bills enacted.**

Engrossed bills :

Concerning the challenging of jurors in criminal cases ;

To provide for the supervision of the construction and maintenance of reservoirs and dams ;

To prohibit seining of fish in the ponds on the island of Nantucket ;

To amend chapter 177 of the Acts of the year 1872, authorizing the city of Boston to obtain an additional supply of pure water ;

(Which severally originated in the House ;)

To change the name of the North Bridgewater Union Cemetery Corporation ;

To amend chapter 377 of the Acts of the year 1874, entitled "An Act to incorporate the Barre Falls Reservoir Company" ;

To fix the salary of the clerk of the municipal court of the South Boston district ;

To provide a further supply of water for the city of Cambridge ;

To amend an Act to incorporate the New Bedford Railroad Company ;

To annex a part of the city of Boston to the city of Newton ; and

To amend chapter 304 of the Acts of the year 1870, concerning the preservation of birds, birds' eggs and deer ;

(Which severally originated in the Senate ;)

Were severally passed to be enacted, signed, and sent to the Senate.

**Resolves passed.**

Engrossed resolves :

In favor of the city of Fitchburg ;

In favor of Louis A. De Ribas ;

In favor of company C, second regiment infantry, Massachusetts volunteer militia ;

(Which severally originated in the House;) and  
 In favor of Owen McDonald;  
 (Which originated in the Senate;)  
 Were severally passed, signed, and sent to the Senate.

*Taken from the Table.*

On motion of Mr. Hale of Boston, the Bill concerning <sup>wills.</sup> the custodians of wills of deceased persons was taken from the table and considered. The bill was read a second time, and amended, on motion of Mr. Hale, by substituting therefor a bill in addition to the provisions of section 16 of chapter 92 of the General Statutes, concerning the custodians of wills, and, as amended, ordered to a third reading.

*Orders of the Day.*

**Reports:**

*Orders of the day.*

Of the committee on Banks and Banking, reference to next General Court, on petition of F. S. Coolidge and others for a savings bank in Westminster; and

Of the committee on Railroads, inexpedient to legislate, on the Resolve of the town of Weymouth in relation to the purchase of the Boston and Albany Railroad by the Commonwealth;

Were severally accepted and sent up for concurrence, the House having refused to amend the last named by substituting a bill recommended by a minority of the committee.

The report of the committee on the Judiciary, inexpedient to legislate, on the Order relative to amending chapter 224 of the Acts of 1870, concerning manufacturing and other corporations, was accepted.

The Bill to amend section 7 of chapter 208 of the Acts of 1859, relating to the Trustees of the Museum of Comparative Zoölogy, was read and ordered to a third reading.

The Bill to legalize certain records and proceedings of the Webster Square Methodist Episcopal Church of Worcester; and

Resolve concerning the celebration of the 17th of June, 1875;

Were severally read, passed to be engrossed, and sent up for concurrence.

The Bill concerning sewerage and drainage in Westfield was read and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

The Bill to provide for the investigation of the question of the use of running streams as common sewers in its relation to public health, as amended, was further considered and passed to be engrossed in concurrence, and sent up for concurrence in the amendments adopted by the House.

The Resolve in relation to the representation of Massachusetts at the Centennial Exposition at Philadelphia was further considered, and, on motion of Mr. Kimball of Boston, laid on the table.

The Bill concerning pickled fish and to amend chapter 49 of the General Statutes was further considered. Mr. Babson of Gloucester moved to amend by striking out all after the enacting clause, and inserting two new sections, which was carried.

Mr. Phillips of Salem moved to substitute for the bill as amended a Bill to amend chapter 49 of the General Statutes in relation to inspecting and branding pickled and smoked fish. The amendment was adopted, and the bill, as amended, was passed to be engrossed.

#### *Orders Tabled.*

Hour of meeting.

The orders of the day being laid on the table, on motion of Mr. Kimball of Boston, it was voted, on motion of the same gentleman, that when the House adjourns this afternoon, it be to meet to-morrow afternoon, at two o'clock.

Recess.

On motion of Mr. Ropes of Boston, it was voted that the House continue in session to-day without the usual recess until the orders of the day are disposed of.

#### *Orders Taken Up.*

Orders of the day.

The orders of the day being again taken up,—

Bills:

Relating to certain officers and employes at the State Almshouse at Tewksbury; and

Relating to certain employes at the State Workhouse at Bridgewater;

Were, on motion of Mr. Bowman of Somerville, severally recommitted to the committee on State Salaries and Expenditures.

The Bill to amend chapter 248 of the Acts of 1874, relating to rules of practice in the supreme judicial and superior courts was read a third time. Pending amend-

ments moved by Mr. Williams of Brookline, the further consideration of the subject was, on motion of Mr. Pierce of Milton, postponed until to-morrow.

At 1.20, the House  
Adjourned.

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## WEDNESDAY, April 28, 1875.

Met according to adjournment at 2 o'clock, P. M.

Prayer was offered by the Rev. Mr. May of Leicester, a member of the House.

*Motion to Reconsider.*

Mr. Heywood of Concord moved to reconsider the vote whereby the House yesterday indefinitely postponed the Senate Order relative to printing a report of the orations and proceedings at Concord and Lexington. The motion was negatived. Lexington and Concord.

*Reports of Committees.*

By Mr. Whitney of Ashburnham, from the committee on State Salaries and Expenditures, that the Bill to fix the salary of the Commissioner of Savings Banks ought to pass in a new draft. [Mr. Miner of Phillipston, a minority of the committee, dissented.] Read and referred in course to committee on Finance. Commissioner of savings banks.

By Mr. Hillman of Chilmark, from the joint special committee on the close of the session, that, after a careful examination of the matters in the hands of the committees, and now before the two branches, the Legislature may, in their opinion, be prorogued on Friday, May 7, and they recommend the adoption of the following order:— Close of session

*Ordered*, That Friday, April 30, be considered to be the beginning of the last week of the session.

By Mr. Phillips of Salem, from the committee on Railroads, no legislation necessary, on an Order relative to the furnishing by the Boston and Albany Railroad of proper facilities for transportation of merchandise, its promotion of the trade of the Commonwealth, and concerning its rates of freight, etc. (See House Doc. No. 338.) B. & A. R. R.

By Mr. Lewis of Fairhaven, from the committee on Claims, that the petition of Eliza J. Coffin for state aid be referred to the next General Court. Eliza J. Coffin.

Severally read and placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

**Lists of voters.**

By Mr. Coffin of Winchester, from the committee on Elections, that the Senate amendment to section 9 of chapter 376 of the Acts of 1874, concerning lists of voters in cities, ought to be concurred in with an amendment. Read, accepted under a suspension of the rule, and sent up for concurrence in the amendment to the amendment.

**Cambridge and Somerville.**

By Mr. Meserve of Hopkinton, from the committee of Conference on the matter of difference between the two branches in relation to the Bill in addition to an Act for the abatement of a nuisance in the cities of Cambridge and Somerville, and for the preservation of the public health in said cities, that the House ought to concur in the Senate amendment at "A." Read, accepted under a suspension of the rule, and sent up for concurrence.

**Labor contracts.**

By Mr. Codman of Boston, from the committee on the Judiciary, that the Bill to regulate special contracts for labor ought not to pass. Placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow, the question being on rejection.

**Municipal indebtedness.**

By Mr. Pierce of Milton, from the committee on the Judiciary, that the Bill to regulate and limit municipal indebtedness ought to pass in a new draft.

**Ballots.**

By Mr. Coffin of Winchester, from the committee on Elections, on an order, a Bill relating to the preservation and recount of ballots.

**Questions of law.**

By Mr. Pierce of Milton, from the committee on the Judiciary, that the Senate Bill in relation to reporting questions of law in cases heard by the supreme judicial court and the superior court without a jury, ought to pass in a new draft, entitled a "Bill relative to the reporting of questions of law by the supreme judicial court and the superior court."

**Courts, etc.**

By Mr. Gardner of Palmer, from the same committee, that the Senate Bill concerning the municipal, police and district courts, and the taxes of costs in civil and criminal cases in said courts, and by justices of the peace and trial justices, ought to pass in a new draft.

**Boston, Barre and Gardner Railroad.**

By Mr. Phillips of Salem, from the committee on Railroads, that the Bill (on leave) to extend the time for locating and constructing the Boston, Barre and Gardner Railroad in the city of Worcester ought to pass in a new draft.

By the same gentleman, from the same committee, on report of the Railroad Commissioners, a Bill to provide for a change of the location and tracks of the Eastern Railroad Company, the Boston and Albany Railroad Company and the Boston, Revere Beach and Lynn Railroad Company in East Boston. East Boston railroad crossings.

[Messrs. Dwyer of Adams, and Heywood of Worcester, a minority of the committee, dissent from the report, and recommend the passage of a bill with the following title: "Bill to provide for a change of the location and tracks of the Eastern Railroad Company and the Boston and Albany Railroad Company in East Boston."]

Severally read and ordered to a second reading.

*Bills Enacted.*

Engrossed bills:

Bills enacted.

To establish the city of Pittsfield;

To incorporate the Suffolk Brewing Company;

Concerning the Treasurer of the city of Boston, and to establish the office of collector of taxes for said city;

To amend an Act to authorize the town of Brookline to borrow money to pay for the construction of sewers, and for the establishment of a sinking fund;

(Which severally originated in the House;)

Concerning suits in which the Commonwealth is a party;

Relating to Sunderland Bridge;

Concerning manufacturing and other corporations; and To make the seventeenth day of June, in the year 1875, a legal holiday;

(Which severally originated in the Senate;)

Were passed to be enacted, signed, and sent to the Senate.

Engrossed resolves:

Resolves passed.

In favor of Rose Carpenter;

In favor of Ellen Woods; and

Relating to the improvement of the fishway in the Merrimack River at Lawrence;

(Which severally originated in the House;)

Were severally passed, signed, and sent to the Senate.

*Orders of the Day.*

The report of the committee on Claims, that the petition of William D. Chamberlain and officers and privates of company I, 29th regiment, Massachusetts volunteer Orders of the day.



militia, for compensation for services rendered, be referred to the next General Court, was accepted and sent up for concurrence.

The Bill to amend chapter 248 of the Acts of 1874, relating to rules of practice in the supreme judicial and superior courts, pending the amendments, was, on motion of Mr. Williams of Brookline, laid on the table.

**Resolves :**

In favor of Priscilla Freeman (amended as recommended by the committee on Finance ;)

In favor of the town of Williamsburg ;

In favor of Philip Mackey ; and

**Bills :**

To protect the banks of the Connecticut River between Hadley and Northampton ;

To provide for the construction and maintenance of a highway and bridge across the Connecticut River at Turner's Falls ;

Granting a parcel of Land to the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, and authorizing said institute to release to the city of Boston another parcel of land now held by it ;

Were severally read and ordered to a third reading.

The Bill to amend section 2 of chapter 208 of the Acts of the year 1859, relating to the Trustees of the Museum of Comparative Zoölogy, was read and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

The Bill in addition to the provisions of section 16 of chapter 92 of the General Statutes, concerning the custodians of wills, was read, passed to be engrossed, and sent up for concurrence.

The Resolutions in relation to the resumption of specie payments (amended on motion of Mr. Truell of Lawrence) were passed by a vote of 98 to 33, and sent up for concurrence.

At 4.20, the House  
Adjourned.

THURSDAY, April 29, 1875.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer was offered by the Chaplain.

*Petitions Presented.*

By Mr. Hawkes of Lynn, petition of Thomas B. James E. Crane et al. and others of Lynn, in aid of the petition for the passage of an Act to incorporate the Boston and Chicago Railway Trust Company. Referred to the committee on petition of Edward Crane and associates, and sent up for concurrence.

*Taken from the Table.*

On motion of Mr. Codman of Boston, the Resolve in relation to the representation of Massachusetts at the Centennial Exposition at Philadelphia. Placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow, the question being on ordering to a third reading. Philadelphia centennial.

On motion of Mr. Copeland of Springfield, the Bill to amend chapter 248 of the Acts of 1874, in relation to rules of practice in the supreme judicial and superior courts. Placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow, the main question being on passing the bill to be engrossed. Court practice.

*Reports of Committees.*

By Mr. Heywood of Worcester, from the committee on Railroads, leave to withdraw, on petition of the Boston, Barre and Gardner Railroad Corporation for authority to issue and dispose of additional stock. Read and placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow. Boston, Barre and Gardner Railroad.

By Mr. Codman of Boston, from the committee on the Judiciary, leave to withdraw on petition of the city of Cambridge for authority to make and execute police regulations for the borders of Fresh Pond. Cambridge—Fresh Pond.

By the same gentleman, from the same committee, reference to the next General Court on the petition of the mayor of Haverhill for an amendment of the charter of said city. Haverhill—charter.

Severally read and accepted under suspension of the rules.

By Mr. Miner of Phillipston, from the committee on State Salaries and Expenditures, asking to be discharged State Work-house.

from further consideration of the Bill relating to certain employés at the State Workhouse at Bridgewater; also of the

State Almshouse.

Bill relating to certain officers and employés at the State Almshouse at Tewksbury.

Severally accepted, the committee discharged in each case, and the bills placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow, the question being in each case on ordering to a third reading.

Estates on condition.

By Mr. Rice of Worcester, from the committee on the Judiciary, that the Bill in relation to estates held on condition, which had been recommitted to the committee, pending amendments moved by Mr. Hale of Boston, ought to pass with amendments to the amendment.

The bill was placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow with the report, the main question being on ordering to a third reading.

#### *Introduced on Leave.*

Election sermon.

By Mr. Codman of Boston, a Resolve in relation to the annual election sermon. Read, and under suspension of the rules, moved by the same gentleman, placed in the orders of the day for second reading to-morrow, without reference to a committee.

#### *Papers from the Senate.*

Subscriptions to railroad stock.

The Bill to amend section 35 of chapter 372 of the Acts of the year 1874, relative to subscriptions by cities to railroad stock, came down with the endorsement that the Senate non-concurred in the House amendments.

On motion of Mr. Long of Hingham, the House insisted on its amendments, and asked for a committee of conference; and Messrs. Long of Hingham, Gaylord of Northampton, and Bowman of Somerville were appointed on its part.

Sent up for concurrence.

Brimfield.

A Bill to amend chapter 225 of the Acts of the year 1855, relative to the Free Grammar School of Brimfield, introduced on leave in the Senate, was read and referred in concurrence under suspension of the 20th joint rule to the committee on Education.

*Bills Enacted.*

Engrossed bills :

Bills enacted.

To revise and consolidate the charter of the city of Lowell ;

(Which originated in the House ;)

To encourage the planting of shade-trees, laying out, ornamenting and maintaining parks, cemeteries and cemetery lots, and erecting and maintaining drinking-fountains ;

(Which originated in the Senate ;)

Were severally passed to be enacted, signed, and sent to the Senate.

*Orders of the Day.*

The Order reported by the joint special committee on the close of the session, that Friday, April 30, be considered the beginning of the last week of the session, was adopted. Orders of the day.

The report of the committee on Claims, reference to next General Court, on petition of Eliza J. Coffin for state aid, was accepted and sent up for concurrence.

The report of the committee on Railroads, no legislation necessary, on an Order relative to the furnishing by the Boston and Albany Railroad of proper facilities for the transportation of merchandise, etc., was accepted and sent up for concurrence.

Subsequently, Mr. Moseley of Boston moved to reconsider the vote accepting the report, which motion was placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

Bills :

To regulate and limit municipal indebtedness (amended on motion of Mr. Meserve of Hopkinton) ; and

Extending the time for locating and constructing the Boston, Barre and Gardner Railroad in the city of Worcester ;

Were severally read and ordered to a third reading.

Resolves :

In favor of Priscilla Freeman ;

In favor of Philip Mackey ; and

In favor of the town of Williamsburg ;

Were severally read, passed to be engrossed, and sent up for concurrence.

The Bill relating to the preservation and recount of ballots was read, and after debate was, on motion of Mr. Truell of Lawrence, indefinitely postponed.

The Bill concerning municipal, police and district courts, and the taxation of costs in civil and criminal cases in said courts, and by justices of the peace and trial justices, was read a second time, amended on motion of Messrs. Hatheway of Fall River and Pierce of Malden, and as amended was rejected.

The Bill to provide for a change of the location and tracks of the Eastern Railroad Company, the Boston and Albany Railroad Company, and the Boston, Revere Beach and Lynn Railroad Company in East Boston, was read, and pending its consideration, the House, at 4.50, Adjourned.

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FRIDAY, April 30, 1875.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer was offered by the Chaplain.

*Reports of Committees.*

Menauhant  
Land and Wharf  
Co.

By Mr. Hawkes of Lynn, from the committee on Mercantile Affairs, on petition of Charles E. Heywood, a Bill to incorporate the Menauhant Land and Wharf Company. Read and ordered to a second reading.

Westford.

By Mr. Pew of Gloucester, from the committee on Military Affairs, that the Bill to authorize the town of Westford to raise or appropriate money for the purpose of erecting a monument ought to pass. Placed in the orders of the day for a second reading to-morrow.

*Message from the Governor.*

Hoosac Tunnel.

A message was received from the Governor, transmitting, in compliance with the request of the House, an estimate of the sums of money needed to enable the Governor and Council to perform the duties imposed upon them by chapter 77 of the Acts of the year 1875, relative to the management of the Hoosac Tunnel and the Troy and Greenfield Railroad, and for other purposes. (See House Document, No. 345.) Read, and on motion of Mr. Hale of Boston, referred to the committee on the Hoosac Tunnel Line of Railroads.

Sent up for concurrence.

*Papers from the Senate.*

A Bill to amend chapter 225 of the Acts of the year 1855, in relation to the Free Grammar School of Brimfield, passed to be engrossed by the Senate, was read and placed in the orders of the day for a second reading to-morrow.

Brimfield Grammar School.

*Bills Enacted.*

Engrossed bills:

Bills enacted.

To authorize the city of Boston to construct a sewer in the Mystic Valley; and

Concerning sewerage and drainage in Westfield;  
(Which severally originated in the Senate;)

Were severally passed to be enacted, signed, and sent to the Senate.

Mr. Gaylord of Northampton was excused, on his own request, from serving on the committee of conference on the differences between the two branches on the Bill to amend section 35 of chapter 372 of the Acts of the year 1874, relative to subscriptions by cities to railroad stock, and Mr. Bowman of Somerville was appointed in his place.

Subscriptions to railroad stock.

*Special Assignment.*

At half-past two o'clock, Mr. Pierce of Malden called for the special assignment, being the election, by ballot, of the preacher of the next annual election sermon.

Election sermon.

Messrs. Goss of Melrose, Savage of Taunton, Curtis of Marlborough, Pierce of Malden, Carney of Boston, and Keith of Brockton were appointed a committee to collect, count and return the votes, and having attended to that duty, reported that 165 votes had been cast, and it appeared that no person had received a majority.

On motion of Mr. Pierce of Malden, the House proceeded to a second ballot, and the committee, having counted the votes, reported the whole number to be 184, of which 101 were for the Rev. S. W. Foljambe of Malden, who was declared elected as preacher of the next annual election sermon.

On motion of Mr. Pierce of Malden, the Clerk was directed to inform the Rev. Mr. Foljambe of his election.

*Orders of the Day.*

The report of the committee on Railroads, leave to withdraw, on petition of the Boston, Barre and Gardner.

Orders of the day.

Railroad Corporation for authority to issue and dispose of additional stock was accepted and sent up for concurrence.

The motion of Mr. Moseley of Boston to reconsider the vote whereby the House accepted the report of the committee on Railroads, no legislation necessary, on an Order relative to the furnishing by the Boston and Albany Railroad of proper facilities for the transportation of merchandise, etc., was carried, and pending the recurring question of the acceptance of the report, it was, on motion of the same gentleman, laid on the table.

**Bills :**

Relative to the reporting of questions of law by the supreme judicial court and the superior court (amended on motion of Mr. Long of Hingham) ; and

To regulate special contracts for labor (amended on motion of Messrs. Knox of Lawrence, Morse of Boston, and Long of Hingham) ; and a

Resolve concerning the annual election sermon ;

Were severally read and ordered to a third reading.

The Bill extending the time for locating and constructing the Boston, Barre and Gardner Railroad in the city of Worcester was read, passed to be engrossed, and sent up for concurrence.

**Bills :**

To protect the banks of the Connecticut River between Hadley and Northampton (amended on motion of Mr. Gaylord of South Hadley) ; and

To provide for the construction and maintenance of a highway and bridge across the Connecticut River at Turner's Falls (amended as recommended by committee on Bills in the Third Reading) ;

Were severally read and passed to be engrossed in concurrence, and sent up for concurrence in the amendments.

The Bill to provide for a change of the location and tracks of the Eastern Railroad Company, the Boston and Albany Railroad Company, and the Boston, Revere Beach and Lynn Railroad Company, in East Boston, was further considered.

Mr. Heywood of Worcester moved to amend the bill by substituting therefor the Bill to provide for a change of the location and tracks of the Eastern Railroad Company

and the Boston and Albany Railroad Company, in East Boston, recommended by a minority of the committee.

The bill and the proposed substitute having been amended, the motion of Mr. Heywood was carried, and the bill as amended was ordered to a third reading.

The Bill granting a parcel of land to the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, and authorizing said institute to release to the city of Boston another parcel of land now held by it, was read, amended on motion of Mr. Hale of Boston, and on motion of the same gentleman, the title was amended so as to read "An Act relating to the Massachusetts Institute of Technology and the city of Boston."

The bill as amended was then passed to be engrossed in concurrence, and sent up for concurrence in the amendments.

The Bill in relation to estates held on condition was considered, amended as recommended by the committee on the Judiciary, and as amended was ordered to a third reading.

At 4.40, the House  
Adjourned.

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SATURDAY, May 1, 1875.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer was offered by the Chaplain.

*Petition Presented.*

By Mr. Richmond of Harvard, petition of Hon. Thomas P. Hurlburt and 81 others of Sudbury in aid of the petition for the passage of an Act to incorporate the Boston and Chicago Railway Trust Company. E. Crane et als. Placed on file with the papers on that subject.

Sent up for concurrence.

*Order.*

On motion of Mr. Perkins of Boston, under suspension of the rule,—

*Ordered*, That the committee on the Library consider and report what measures ought to be adopted for the better preservation of the revolutionary and other ancient records of the Commonwealth. Ancient records.

Sent up for concurrence.



*Papers from the Senate.*

Bills.

Notice was received of the rejection by the Senate of the House bills,

Authorizing improvements at the state prison and for other purposes; and

To incorporate the Massachusetts Family Bank.

Bellingham.

The petition of the selectmen of the town of Bellingham for reimbursement for the support of Montcalm S. Pettice, a state pauper, was referred in non-concurrence, under the rule of the House, to the next General Court.

Fall River—  
water.

The House Bill in addition to an Act for supplying the city of Fall River with pure water came down passed to be engrossed by the Senate, with an amendment, in which the House non-concurred.

Tewksbury  
Alms-house.

The House Resolve in favor of the State Alms-house at Tewksbury came down passed to be engrossed by the Senate, with an amendment, in which the House concurred.

Central District  
Court, Worcester.

A Bill relating to the Central District Court of Worcester, passed to be engrossed by the Senate, was read and referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

*Introduced on Leave.*Returns of sav-  
ings banks.

By Mr. Hale of Boston, under suspension of the rule, a Resolve in relation to the returns from savings banks. Read, the rule requiring reference to a committee suspended, on motion of Mr. Hale, and the resolve placed in the orders of the day for Monday.

*Taken from the Table.*

B. &amp; A. R. R.

On motion of Mr. Moseley of Boston, the report of the committee on Railroads, no legislation necessary, on an Order relative to the furnishing by the Boston and Albany Railroad of proper facilities for transportation of merchandise, etc.

On motion of the same gentleman, the further consideration of the report was postponed until Tuesday next, and resolves which he gave notice he should move in amendment of the report were ordered to be printed.

*Bills Enacted.*

Bills enacted.

Engrossed bills:

For the laying out of public parks in or near the city of Boston;

(Which originated in the House;) and

To amend section 2 of chapter 208 of the Acts of the year 1859, relating to the Trustees of the Museum of Comparative Zoölogy;

(Which originated in the Senate;)

Were severally passed to be enacted, signed, and sent to the Senate.

*Discharged from the Orders.*

On motion of Mr. Phillips of Salem, the Bill to provide for a change of the location and tracks of the Eastern Railroad Company and the Boston and Albany Railroad Company, in East Boston, was discharged from the orders of the day, and its consideration postponed until Tuesday next.

Eastern and B.  
& A. R. R. Cos.

*Reports of Committees.*

By Mr. Osgood of Salem, from the committee on Probate and Chancery, that the opinion of the justices of the supreme judicial court in reference to the office of the register of probate and insolvency be referred to the next General Court. Read and placed in the orders of the day for Monday.

Office of register  
of probate.

By Mr. Bowman of Somerville, from the same committee, on abstracts of wills proved, and opinions of judges of probate in relation to the descent of property of intestates, a Bill to amend the the General Statutes relative to the descent and distribution of real and personal property. Read and ordered to a second reading.

Descent of prop-  
erty.

The committee of conference on the matters of difference between the two branches on the Bill to amend chapter 309 of the Acts of the year 1869, entitled "An Act to provide for the proper auditing of legislative expenses," reported that the bill ought to pass in a new draft, entitled "An Act to provide for the proper auditing of legislative expenses."

Legislative ex-  
penses.

On motion of Mr. Phillips of Salem, the rules were suspended, and the report was accepted and sent up for concurrence.

*Orders of the Day.*

Bills:

To authorize the town of Westford to raise or appropriate money for the purpose of erecting a monument;

To amend chapter 225 of the Acts of the year 1855, in relation to the Free Grammar School of Brimfield; and

Orders of the  
day.

To incorporate the Menauhant Land and Wharf Company ;

Were severally read and ordered to a third reading.

The Resolve in relation to the representation of Massachusetts at the Centennial Exposition at Philadelphia was further considered. Amendments moved by Messrs. Kimball of Boston and Cummings of Somerville were adopted, and the resolve as amended was ordered to a third reading.

Mr. Hale of Boston, who had been called to the chair while the orders of the day were under consideration, announced that the Speaker would also be absent on Monday, and had designated him (Mr. Hale) to occupy the chair on that day.

At 1.10, the House  
Adjourned.

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MONDAY, May 3, 1875.

Met according to adjournment, Mr. Hale of Boston in the chair.

Prayer was offered by the Rev. Mr. Foljambe of Malden.

*Papers from the Senate.*

Reports :

Board of Education.

Of the committee on Education, no legislation necessary on the thirty-eighth annual report of the Board of Education ; and

Museum of Comparative Zoölogy.

On the annual report of the Trustees of the Museum of Comparative Zoölogy.

Severally read and accepted in concurrence, under a suspension of the rules.

Suffolk County probate office.

The House Bill relating to the probate office of the county of Suffolk came down passed to be engrossed in concurrence, with an amendment, and was referred to the committee on Probate and Chancery.

*Introduced on Leave.*

Treasurer.

By Mr. Kimball of Boston, under suspension of the rule, a Resolve authorizing the Treasurer to borrow money in anticipation of the revenue.

Under suspension of the rules, moved by the same gen-

tleman, the resolve took its several readings, was passed to be engrossed, and sent up for concurrence.

*Reports of Committees.*

By Mr. Gardner of Palmer, from the committee on the Notaries-public. Judiciary, that the Bill (on leave) to regulate the appointment of notaries-public ought not to pass. Placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow, the question being on rejection.

By the same gentleman, from the same committee, that Joint tenants. the Senate Bill relating to joint tenants, coparceners and tenants in common ought to pass in a new draft.

By Mr. Knox of Lawrence, from the same committee, Frauds at elections. that the Bill to prevent frauds at elections in cities ought to pass in a new draft.

Severally read and ordered to a second reading.

By Mr. Noonan of Boston, from the committee on License bill. Printing, that the Order relative to printing 3,000 extra copies of the Act relating to the sale of intoxicating liquors ought to be adopted.

The report was considered under a suspension of the State detective force. rule. On motion of Mr. Bowker of Boston, the order was amended, and, as amended, was adopted.

By Mr. Long of Hingham, from the joint special committee who were instructed to inquire whether the provisions of section 14 of the Act of 1875, relative to the establishment of a state detective force have been complied with, that they have heard the evidence adduced, and that said provisions have been complied with. Read, accepted under a suspension of the rules, and sent up for concurrence.

*Order.*

The following order, offered by Mr. Bowker of Boston, was laid over until to-morrow, at the request of Mr. Knox of Lawrence:—

*Ordered,* That the Sergeant-at-Arms make suitable provisions for a visit of the members of the House of Representatives to the Hoosac Tunnel on Wednesday, the 5th inst. Visit to Hoosac Tunnel.

*Orders of the Day.*

Bills :

Relating to certain employés at the State Workhouse at Bridgewater; and Orders of the day.

Relating to certain officers and employes at the State Almshouse at Tewksbury ;

Were further considered, and severally rejected.

Subsequently, Mr. Sanborn of Boston moved a reconsideration of the vote whereby the last-named bill was rejected, and, on motion of the same gentleman, the further consideration of the motion was postponed until to-morrow.

The Bill to amend chapter 248 of the Acts of 1874, in relation to rules of practice in the supreme judicial and superior courts, was further considered, amended on motion of Mr. Williams of Brookline, passed to be engrossed as amended, and sent up for concurrence.

Bills :

To regulate and limit municipal indebtedness (amended on motion of Mr. Pierce of Milton) ;

Relative to the reporting of questions of law by the supreme judicial court and the superior court ;

To authorize the town of Westford to raise or appropriate money for the purpose of erecting a monument ;

To incorporate the Menauhant Land and Wharf Company ; and

In relation to estates held on condition ;

Were severally read, passed to be engrossed, and sent up for concurrence.

Subsequently, Mr. Williams of Brookline moved to reconsider the vote whereby the last-named bill was passed to be engrossed, and on his motion, the further consideration of the motion to reconsider was postponed until to-morrow.

The Bill to amend chapter 225 of the Acts of the year 1855, in relation to the Free Grammar School of Brimfield, was read and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

The Resolve concerning the annual election sermon was read a third time, and pending the verification of the vote on an amendment moved by Mr. Perkins of Boston, the House, at 5.20,

Adjourned.

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TUESDAY, May 4, 1875.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer was offered by the Chaplain of the Senate.

*Petition Presented.*

By Mr. Heywood of Concord, petition of the selectmen <sup>Weston.</sup> and others of the town of Weston for leave to form a military company. Referred under the rule to the next General Court.

*Order.*

The Order offered by Mr. Bowker of Boston yesterday, and laid over, was amended and rejected. <sup>Visit to Hoosac Tunnel.</sup>

Subsequently, on motion of Mr. Fairbanks of Natick, the rejection of the order was reconsidered, and pending the recurring question of its adoption, Mr. Bowker of Boston moved to amend by substituting the following:—

*Ordered,* That the Sergeant-at-Arms make suitable provision for a visit of the members of the House of Representatives to the Hoosac Tunnel on Friday, May 7, instant.

The amendment was adopted. On motion of Mr. Hill of Boston, the yeas and nays were ordered on the main question, and the roll being called, the order as amended was adopted by a vote of 83 yeas to 71 nays, as follows:—

**YEAS.**

Messrs. James Abbe,  
Andrew Athy,  
Michael Atkinson,  
Amasa W. Bailey,  
Daniel D. Bailey,  
Cyrus F. Baker,  
John I. Baker,  
Joseph H. Baker,  
George Beal,  
John H. Bell,  
John H. Blake,  
Frederick L. Bosworth,  
Sylvester W. Bowen,  
Horace L. Bowker,  
Wilbur F. Brigham,  
Charles M. Brown,  
Isaiah Churchill,  
Owen Coogan,  
Augustine P. Cook,  
F. S. Coolidge,  
A. M. Copeland,  
John A. Cummings,  
Francis C. Curtis,  
Benjamin F. Davis,

Messrs. Epes Davis,  
C. W. Duggan,  
James W. Dwyer,  
George W. Dyer,  
Edwin Ellis,  
James E. Estabrook,  
John B. Fairbanks,  
Samuel Flower,  
Alpheus Fobes,  
Albert W. Gaskill,  
James W. Gaylord,  
Emerson Geer,  
Daniel G. Green,  
Dexter Grose,  
William A. Haskell,  
Nathan M. Hawkes,  
Amos B. Holden,  
Daniel P. Hopkinson,  
Wm. B. Howard,  
Henry L. James,  
Edward J. Johnson,  
Thomas Johnson,  
George W. Jones,  
William Keith,

**Messrs.** Joel Knapp,  
Daniel W. Lawrence,  
John B. Le Baron,  
William Martin,  
Joseph Mitchell, 2d,  
Frederick P. Moseley,  
George L. Newton,  
Isaac N. Nutter,  
Charles S. Osgood,  
Joseph F. Paul,  
George W. Reed,  
Albert E. Rice,  
Thomas Rich,  
J. C. Richmond,  
Joshua C. Robinson,  
John L. Robinson,  
Nathaniel J. Rust,  
John Sanborn,

**Messrs.** Ebenezer Sawyer,  
Nathaniel Seaver,  
John M. Seeley,  
George D. Smalley,  
E. F. Smith,  
John L. Smith,  
John C. Stimpson,  
Daniel J. Sweeney,  
Leonard A. Thayer,  
Wm. A. Thompson,  
Daniel H. Thurston,  
Dexter A. Tompkins,  
Byron Truell,  
Cranmore N. Wallace,  
George M. Warren,  
Austin C. Wellington,  
Moses Williams, Jr.  
John H. Woodbury,  
Bevock.

#### NAYS.

**Messrs.** Ebenezer Adams,  
Samuel Allen,  
Stephen M. Allen,  
John J. Babson,  
T. D. Beach,  
John C. Bickford,  
Stephen F. Blaney,  
William E. Blunt,  
Selwyn Z. Bowman,  
Reuben Boynton,  
Isaac T. Burr,  
Michael Carney,  
Gardner A. Churchill,  
Abraham B. Coffin,  
Patrick Collins,  
Wm. D. Curtis,  
Levi L. Cushing, Jr.,  
Jacob W. Davis,  
Thomas F. Fitz Gerald,  
Joseph Fobes,  
William Frost,  
Charles L. Gardner,  
Benjamin Gifford,  
Elbridge H. Goss,  
Thomas T. Griggs,  
Charles Hale,  
George Hall,  
Solomon E. Hallett,  
David E. Harding,

**Messrs.** Samuel R. Heywood,  
Joseph W. Hill,  
Beriah T. Hillman,  
Henry T. Holmes,  
Frederick G. Howes,  
Isaac N. Keith,  
Philo Keith,  
Moses Kimball,  
William S. King,  
William S. Knox,  
James L. Locke,  
John D. Long,  
Samuel May,  
William B. Merrill,  
Clement Meserve,  
Southard H. Miller,  
Henry S. Miner,  
Franklin G. Morris,  
John T. Morse,  
Edward W. Noble,  
Charles M. Peirce, Jr.,  
Stephen C. Phinney,  
Edward L. Pierce,  
Richard Pope,  
Isaac Pratt, Jr.,  
Wallace F. Robinson,  
Charles A. Rogers,  
Joseph S. Ropes,  
Cyrus K. Russell,

Messrs. John S. Ryder,  
Edward Sanderson,  
Charles L. Shaw,  
Frederick P. Shaw,  
Abraham H. Smith,  
Isaac Stone,  
Samuel Talbot, Jr.,

Messrs. Chas. R. Tucker, Jr.,  
Artemas S. Tyler,  
Edmond M. Vincent,  
E. Crosby Willard,  
John H. Woodbury,  
Boston,  
Walter Wyman.

Yeas, 83 ; nays, 71.

### *Reports of Committees.*

By Mr. Hale of Boston, from the committee on the Hoosac Tunnel.  
Hoosac Tunnel Line of Railroads, on a message of the Governor, a Bill making appropriations to enable the Governor and Council to perform the duties imposed upon them by the Act to provide for the management of the Hoosac Tunnel and the Troy and Greenfield Railroad, and for other purposes.

The bill was read, and, on motion of Mr. Hale, the rule requiring its reference to the committee on Finance was suspended, and it was placed in the orders of the day for a second reading to-morrow.

By Mr. Long of Hingham, from the committee of Conference on the matter of disagreement between the two Subscriptions to railroad stock.  
branches in relation to the bill to amend so much of chapter 372 of the Acts of 1874 as relates to municipal subscriptions to railroad stock or securities, that the committee was unable to agree, and asked to be discharged. Read, accepted under suspension of the rule, and sent up for concurrence.

By Mr. Meserve of Hopkinton, from the committee on Taunton.  
Water Supply and Drainage, that the Bill to supply the city of Taunton with pure water, which had been recommended to the committee, ought to pass in a new draft. Read and ordered to a second reading.

### *Papers from the Senate.*

The House Bill to protect the banks of the Connecticut Connecticut River.  
River between Hadley and Northampton came down with the indorsement that the Senate non-concurred in the amendment proposed by the House. On motion of Mr. Brigham of Hudson, the House receded from its amendment, and the bill was returned to the Senate.

A Resolve in regard to the annual reports and estimates Public charitable institutions.  
of the public charitable institutions, passed to be en-



grossed by the Senate, was read and ordered to a second reading.

**Day's Academy.** A bill to dispose of the building and funds of Day's Academy in Wrentham, introduced on leave in the Senate, was read and referred in concurrence, under a suspension of the 20th joint rule, to the committee on Education.

**Marblehead.** The report of the committee on Towns, leave to withdraw, on petition of the selectmen of Marblehead for authority to take a part of the common in said town as a site for a public hall was read and accepted in concurrence under suspension of the rule.

The following order, adopted by the Senate, was referred, in non-concurrence, under the rule of the House, to the next General Court:—

**Mary Drochan.** *Ordered,* That the committee on Public Charitable Institutions inquire and report by what authority Mary Drochan of Northbridge, county of Worcester, is imprisoned and restrained of her liberty at the State Workhouse at Bridgewater, and that said committee have authority to send for persons and papers.

#### *Bills Enacted.*

**Bills enacted.**

Engrossed bills :

To supply the town of Watertown with pure water ;

To incorporate Foster's Wharf Company ;

In addition to an Act for the abatement of a nuisance in the cities of Cambridge and Somerville, and for the preservation of the public health in said cities ;

In addition to an Act to regulate the fishery in Palmer's River ;

(Which severally originated in the House ;)

Relating to the Massachusetts Institute of Technology and the city of Boston ; and

To provide for the construction and maintenance of a highway and bridge across the Connecticut River at Turner's Falls ;

(Which severally originated in the Senate ;)

Were severally passed to be enacted, signed, and sent to the Senate.

**Resolves passed.**

Engrossed resolves :

Granting county taxes ; and

Providing for printing the report of the Board of Education and the laws relating to public schools, and for other purposes ;

(Which severally originated in the House ;)  
Were passed, signed, and sent to the Senate.

*Orders of the Day.*

The report of the committee on Printing, on an Order relative to the Sumner memorial volume, recommending that the copies remaining be placed in the state library, was accepted. Orders of the day.

The motion of Mr. Williams of Brookline, to reconsider the vote whereby the House passed to be engrossed the Bill in relation to estates held on condition, was carried. After debate, the bill was again passed to be engrossed, and sent up for concurrence.

The motion of Mr. Sanborn of Boston, to reconsider the vote whereby the House rejected the Bill relating to certain officers and employes at the State Almshouse at Tewksbury, was carried, and after debate the bill was again rejected.

The Resolve concerning the annual election sermon was further considered, amended on motion of Mr. Hale of Boston, passed to be engrossed as amended, and sent up for concurrence.

The report of the committee on Railroads, no legislation necessary, on an Order relative to the furnishing by the Boston and Albany Railroad of proper facilities for transportation of merchandise, its promotion of the trade of the Commonwealth, and concerning its rates of freight, etc., was further considered. Mr. Moseley of Boston moved to amend the report by substituting Resolves concerning the Boston and Albany Railroad, which motion was carried, and the resolves were read and placed in the orders of the day for a second reading to-morrow.

At 5.15, the House  
Adjourned.

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WEDNESDAY, May 5, 1875.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer was offered by the Chaplain.

*Orders.*

The following orders, offered by Mr. Hill of Boston, were laid over, the first at the request of Mr. Bowker of

Boston, and the second at the request of Mr. Hale of Boston :—

Hour of meeting.

*Ordered*, That hereafter the morning sessions of the House shall begin at 10 o'clock.

Limit of debate.

*Ordered*, That no member shall occupy more than five minutes' time in debate upon any one question, except by a four-fifths vote of the House.

The following order, offered by Mr. Hale of Boston, was laid over until to-morrow at request of Mr. Hill of Boston, pending an amendment moved by him :—

B. & A. R. R.

*Ordered*, That the treasurer of the Commonwealth report to this House the number of shares in the stock of the Boston and Albany Railroad Company held by the Commonwealth, whether in the sinking funds or otherwise, distinguishing, so far as may be practicable, those acquired in virtue of the original subscription of one million of dollars to the stock of the Western Railroad Corporation; those acquired under the right to take additional shares in cases when the capital has been increased; those acquired by purchase for investment of moneys belonging to any sinking fund, with the date in each case of such acquisition or purchase, and such other particulars as may readily be ascertained from his books, in order to give the House information with regard to the amount and character of the present interest of the Commonwealth in said company.

Mr. Ropes of Boston offered the following order :—

Visit to Hoosac Tunnel.

*Ordered*, That the order of May 4, instructing the Sergeant-at-Arms to make suitable provision for a visit of the members of the House of Representatives to the Hoosac Tunnel is hereby rescinded.

On motion of Mr. Codman of Boston, the yeas and nays were ordered on the question of adopting the order, and the roll being called, it was rejected by a vote of 61 yeas to 87 nays, as follows :—

#### YEAS.

Messrs. Ebenezer Adams,  
Samuel Allen,  
John C. Bickford,  
Stephen F. Blaney,  
William E. Blunt,  
Reuben Boynton,  
William E. Bright,  
Isaac T. Burr,  
Gardner A. Churchill,

Messrs. Charles R. Codman,  
Abraham B. Coffin,  
Levi L. Cushing, Jr.,  
Jacob W. Davis,  
Edwin Ellis,  
Thomas F. Fitz Gerald,  
William Frost,  
Charles L. Gardner,  
Benjamin Gifford,

**Messrs.** Elbridge H. Goss,  
Thomas T. Griggs,  
Charles Hale,  
George Hall,  
Solomon E. Hallett,  
David E. Harding,  
George Heywood,  
Samuel R. Heywood,  
Joseph W. Hill,  
Beriah T. Hillman,  
E. Everett Holbrook,  
Henry T. Holmes,  
Isaac N. Keith,  
Moses Kimball,  
Wm. S. King,  
William S. Knox,  
Samuel May,  
Clement Meserve,  
Southard H. Miller,  
Henry S. Miner,  
Edward W. Noble,  
Daniel Noonan,

**Messrs.** Chas. M. Peirce, Jr.,  
Willard P. Phillips,  
Edward L. Pierce,  
Alanson B. Pomeroy,  
Edward B. Rankin,  
Wm. W. Rice,  
Joseph S. Ropes,  
Cyrus K. Russell,  
Charles B. Sanford,  
Charles L. Shaw,  
Frederick P. Shaw,  
Abraham H. Smith,  
Richard H. Stearns,  
Lafayette Stevens,  
Isaac Stone,  
Samuel Talbot, Jr.,  
Chas. R. Tucker, Jr.,  
Artemas S. Tyler,  
Edmond M. Vincent,  
E. Crosby Willard,  
Walter Wyman.

**NATS.**

**Messrs.** James Abbe,  
Stephen M. Allen,  
Michael Atkinson,  
Amasa W. Bailey,  
Cyrus F. Baker,  
John I. Baker,  
Joseph H. Baker,  
George Beal,  
John H. Bell,  
William H. Bent,  
John H. Blake,  
Frederick L. Bosworth,  
Sylvester W. Bowen,  
Horace L. Bowker,  
Selwyn Z. Bowman,  
Wilbur F. Brigham,  
Charles M. Brown,  
James H. Carleton,  
William Chase,  
Isaiah Churchill,  
Austin H. Connell,  
Owen Coogan,  
Augustine P. Cook,  
A. M. Copeland,  
John A. Cummings,  
Francis C. Curtis,

**Messrs.** Benjamin F. Davis,  
Epes Davis,  
C. W. Duggan,  
James W. Dwyer,  
George W. Dyer,  
James E. Estabrook,  
Samuel Flower,  
Alpheus Fobes,  
Joseph Fobes,  
Albert W. Gaskill,  
James W. Gaylord,  
Dexter Grose,  
William A. Haskell,  
Moses B. Heywood,  
Amos B. Holden,  
Salmon D. Hood,  
Daniel P. Hopkinson,  
Francis M. Hughes,  
S. A. Jacobs,  
Edward J. Johnson,  
Thomas Johnson,  
George W. Jones,  
Philo Keith,  
William Keith,  
Joel Knapp,  
Daniel W. Lawrence,

Messrs. John B. Le Baron,  
 Daniel J. Lewis,  
 John B. Martin,  
 William Martin,  
 Edward S. May,  
 Joseph Mitchell, 2d,  
 Frederick P. Moseley,  
 George L. Newton,  
 Isaac N. Nutter,  
 Charles S. Osgood,  
 Harrison D. Packard,  
 George W. Reed,  
 Thomas Rich,  
 J. C. Richmond,  
 Joshua C. Robinson,  
 John L. Robinson,  
 John S. Ryder,  
 John Sanborn,

Messrs. John Savery,  
 Ebenezer Sawyer,  
 Nathaniel Seaver,  
 John M. Seeley,  
 George D. Smalley,  
 Edward F. Smith,  
 John L. Smith,  
 John C. Stimpson,  
 Leonard A. Thayer,  
 Wm. A. Thompson,  
 Daniel H. Thurston,  
 George H. Torrey,  
 Byron Truell,  
 George M. Warren,  
 Joseph White,  
 Felix G. Whitney,  
 John H. Woodbury,  
 Beverly.

Yeas, 61 ; nays, 87.

*Papers from the Senate.*

Vineyard Tele-  
 graph Co.

A Bill to revive chapter 225 of the Acts of the year 1872, to incorporate the Vineyard Telegraph Company, passed to be engrossed by the Senate under a suspension of the rules, was read and referred to the committee on Mercantile Affairs, and sent up for concurrence.

Employment of  
 children.

Notice was received from the Senate of the rejection by that branch of the House Bill relating to the employment of children, and regulations concerning them, and of Resolutions in relation to the resumption of specie payments.

Specie pay-  
 ments.

*Reports of Committees.*

Railroad cross-  
 ings.

By Mr. Phillips of Salem, from the committee on Railroads, on a communication from the Railroad Commissioners in connection with their annual report, a Bill to provide for the enforcement of certain provisions of chapter 372 of the Acts of the year 1874, relative to crossings of railroads by highways.

New State  
 Prison.

By Mr. Hill of Boston, from the committee on Prisons, on so much of the Governor's address as relates to a new state prison, a Resolve in relation to the site for a new state prison.

School fund.

By Mr. Kimball of Boston, from the committee on Finance, on so much of the Governor's address as relates

to the finances of the State, a Resolve in relation to the Massachusetts School Fund.

Severally read and ordered to a second reading.

*Bills Enacted.*

Engrossed bills :

Bills enacted.

To legalize certain doings of the Lee Fire District ;

To enable non-resident guardians to obtain property in this State belonging to their wards residing in other States or Territories of the United States ;

To legalize certain records and proceedings of the Webster Square Methodist Episcopal Church of Worcester ;

(Which severally originated in the House ;)

To protect the banks of the Connecticut River between Hadley and Northampton ;

To provide for an investigation of the question of the use of running streams as common sewers in its relation to the public health ; and

To amend chapter 225 of the Acts of the year 1855 in relation to the Free Grammar School of Brimfield ;

(Which severally originated in the Senate ;)

Were severally passed to be enacted, signed, and sent to the Senate.

Engrossed resolves :

Resolves passed.

In favor of the State Almshouse at Tewksbury ; and

To authorize the purchase and distribution of Crocker's Notes on the General Statutes of Massachusetts ;

(Which severally originated in the House ;)

Were severally passed, signed, and sent to the Senate.

*Orders of the Day.*

The Bill to regulate the appointment of notaries-public, was rejected, as recommended by the committee on the Judiciary. Orders of the day.

The Bill to prevent frauds at elections in cities ; and the Resolve in relation to returns from savings banks ;

Were severally read and ordered to a third reading.

The Resolve in relation to the representation of Massachusetts at the Centennial Exposition at Philadelphia was read, and on motion of Mr. Brigham of Hudson, its further consideration was postponed until Monday next.

The Bill relating to joint tenants, coparceners and

tenants in common was read, and on motion of Mr. Gardner of Palmer was recommitted to the committee on the Judiciary.

The Bill to amend the General Statutes, relative to the descent and distribution of real and personal property, was read and considered. Pending amendments moved by Messrs. Long of Hingham, May of Leicester, and Hale of Boston, the further consideration of the bill was, on motion of Mr. Osgood of Salem, postponed until tomorrow, and the amendments were ordered to be printed.

The Bill to provide for a change of the location and tracks of the Eastern Railroad Company and the Boston and Albany Railroad Company, in East Boston, was read, amended on motion of Messrs. Tompkins of Boston, Allen of Duxbury, Osgood of Salem, and Hale of Boston, and as amended was passed to be engrossed and sent up for concurrence. The title was also amended, on motion of Mr. Long of Hingham, by inserting after "Eastern Railroad Company" the words "Boston, Revere Beach and Lynn Railroad Company."

The Bill to regulate special contracts for labor was read, amended on motion of Mr. Knox of Lawrence, passed to be engrossed as amended, and sent up for concurrence.

The report of the committee on Probate and Chancery (reference to next General Court) on opinion of justices of supreme judicial court, relative to the power of the Legislature to abolish the office of register of probate and insolvency, etc., was considered. Mr. Hale of Boston, moved to amend by substituting a bill for the report, which motion was lost, and the report was accepted.

The Resolves concerning the Boston and Albany Railroad were read and considered. Pending amendments moved by Mr. Hale of Boston, the House, at 5.25,

Adjourned.

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THURSDAY, May 6, 1875.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer was offered by the Chaplain.

*Petition Presented.*

N. E. Bond Co.

By Mr. Ropes of Boston, petition of Charles G. Nazro and others for incorporation as the New England Bond

Company. Referred to the next General Court, the House refusing to suspend the 20th joint rule.

### *Orders.*

The Order relative to the hour of meeting, offered yesterday by Mr. Hill of Boston, and laid over, was rejected. Hour of meeting.

The Order relative to limiting debate, offered yesterday by the same gentleman, and laid over, was amended on motion of Mr. Hale of Boston, and as amended was, on motion of Mr. Boynton of Westborough, indefinitely postponed. Limit of debate.

The Order relative to stock in the Boston and Albany Railroad Corporation owned by the State, offered yesterday by Mr. Hale of Boston, and laid over, was adopted, the amendment moved by Mr. Hill of Boston having been withdrawn. B. & A. R. R.

### *Papers from the Senate.*

The House Bill in addition to an Act for supplying the city of Fall River with pure water came down with the indorsement that the Senate insisted on its amendment, and asked for a committee of conference, Messrs. Hawes, Fitz of Suffolk, and Hyde being appointed on its part. The House concurred in the appointment of a committee, and Messrs. Pierce of Milton, Merrill of Boston, and May of Lee were appointed on its part. Fall River.

A Bill to dispose of the building and funds of Day's Academy in Wrentham, passed to be engrossed by the Senate, was read, and, on motion of Mr. Codman of Boston, was referred to the committee on the Judiciary. Day's Academy.

### *Bills Enacted.*

#### **Engrossed bills :**

To amend section 9 of chapter 376 of the Acts of the year 1874, concerning lists of voters in cities ;

To provide for the proper auditing of legislative expenses ;

To apportion and assess a state tax of two million dollars ; and

Extending the time for locating and constructing the Boston, Barre and Gardner Railroad in the city of Worcester ;

(Which severally originated in the House ;)

Were severally passed to be enacted, signed, and sent to the Senate. Bills enacted.



**Resolve passed.** An engrossed Resolve concerning the celebration of the 17th of June, 1875 (which originated in the House), was passed, signed, and sent to the Senate.

*Reports of Committees.*

**Vineyard Telegraph Co.**

By Mr. Hawkes of Lynn, from the committee on Mercantile Affairs, to whom was referred the Senate Bill (on leave) to revive chapter 225 of the Acts of the year 1872, to incorporate the Vineyard Telegraph Company, that the same ought to pass in a new draft, entitled "An Act to extend the time for organizing the Vineyard Telegraph Company."

Under suspension of the rules, moved by Mr. Hillman of Chilmarnock, the bill took its several readings, was passed to be engrossed, and sent up for concurrence.

**So. Boston flats.**

By Mr. Osgood of Salem, from the joint special committee to whom was referred the report of a committee of the last Legislature sitting during the recess, a Bill in relation to the Commonwealth flats near South Boston. Read and ordered to a second reading, under suspension of the rule requiring reference to committee on Finance.

**Manufacturing corporations.**

By Mr. Gardner of Palmer, from the committee on the Judiciary, on an order, a Bill to amend chapter 224 of the Acts of the year 1870, concerning manufacturing and other corporations. Read and ordered to a second reading.

**Hour of meeting.**

On motion of Mr. Bowker of Boston,—

*Voted*, That when the House adjourns it be to meet on Monday next, at 2 o'clock, P. M.

*Orders of the Day.*

**Orders of the day.**

The Senate Resolve in regard to the annual reports and estimates of the public charitable institutions was read a second time, and, on motion of Mr. Hale of Boston, was indefinitely postponed.

**Bills :**

Making appropriations to enable the Governor and Council to perform the duties imposed upon them by the Act to provide for the management of the Hoosac Tunnel and the Troy and Greenfield Railroad, and for other purposes :

To supply the city of Taunton with pure water (amended on motion of Messrs. Savage of Taunton and Codman of Boston) ; and

To provide for the enforcement of certain provisions of chapter 372 of the Acts of the year 1874, relative to railroad crossings by highways (amended on motion of Mr. Codman of Boston); also a

Resolve in relation to changing the site selected for a new state prison;

Were severally read and ordered to a third reading.

The Resolve in relation to the Massachusetts School Fund was read a second time, and, on motion of Mr. Hale of Boston, its further consideration was postponed until Tuesday next.

The Resolve in relation to the returns from savings banks; and the

Bill to prevent frauds at elections in cities;

Were severally read, passed to be engrossed, and sent up for concurrence.

The Resolves concerning the Boston and Albany Railroad were further considered. The substitute Resolves, moved as an amendment by Mr. Hale of Boston, were adopted, and the resolves, as amended, were ordered to a third reading.

The Bill to amend the General Statutes relative to the descent and distribution of real and personal property, pending amendments moved by Messrs. Long, May and Hale, was, on motion of Mr. Bowman of Somerville, postponed for further consideration until Tuesday next.

At 5.15, the House adjourned until Monday, May 10.

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MONDAY, May 10, 1875.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer was offered by the Chaplain.

*Introduced on Leave.*

By Mr. Meserve of Hopkinton, under suspension of the rule, a Bill to amend an Act to authorize the Commissioners on Public Lands to release a certain parcel of land in East Boston. Read and referred to the committee on Probate and Chancery.

*Laid on the Table.*

B. &amp; A. R. R.

A statement of the Treasurer of the Commonwealth relative to the amount of stock of the Boston and Albany Railroad held by the Commonwealth was received in response to an Order of the House, and, on motion of Mr. Hale of Boston, was laid on the table and ordered to be printed.

*Reports of Committees.*

Biennial sessions.

By Mr. Pierce of Milton, from the joint special committee on Constitutional Amendments, reference to the next General Court on an Order relative to the expediency of providing for biennial sessions of the Legislature, and biennial elections of the Governor and other state officers.

Attachment of personal property.

By Mr. Gardner of Palmer, from the committee on the Judiciary, reference to the next General Court on an Order relative to attachment of personal property, costs and officers' fees.

Contracts with officers.

By Mr. Rice of Worcester, from the same committee, that the House ought not to concur in the Senate amendments to the House Bill relating to contracts with certain public officers.

Severally read and placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

Boston school committee.

By Mr. Codman of Boston, from the committee on the Judiciary, on an order, a Bill to abolish the school committee of the city of Boston, and to establish the Board of Education of said city.

Joint tenants, etc.

By Mr. Gardner of Palmer, from the same committee, to whom was recommitted the Bill relating to joint tenants, coparceners and tenants in common, that the same ought to pass in a new draft.

Severally read and ordered to a second reading.

Central District Court of Worcester.

By Mr. Rice of Worcester, from the same committee, that the Senate Bill relating to the Central District Court of Worcester ought to pass. Placed in the orders of the day for a second reading to-morrow.

*Papers from the Senate.*

W. &amp; F. Shanly.

A Resolve in favor of Walter and Francis Shanly, passed to be engrossed by the Senate, was read and referred in course to the committee on Finance.

**Bills :**

To enlarge the equity jurisdiction of the supreme judicial court; and Supreme judicial court.

In addition to an Act to establish the city of Newton; Newton.  
(Severally passed to be engrossed by the Senate;)

Were severally read and referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

*Motion to Reconsider.*

Mr. Ropes of Boston moved to reconsider the vote whereby the House refused to suspend the 20th joint rule, under which was referred to the next General Court the petition of Charles G. Nazro and others for incorporation as the New England Bond Company; but the motion was negatived. N. E. Bond Co.

*Bills Enacted.*

**Engrossed bills :**

To authorize the town of Westford to raise or appropriate money for the purpose of erecting a monument;

To establish a sinking fund for the county of Hampden; and Bills enacted.

To incorporate the Menauhant Land and Wharf Company;

(Which severally originated in the House;)

Were severally passed to be enacted, signed, and sent to the Senate.

**Engrossed resolves :**

In favor of Priscilla Freeman;

Concerning the annual election sermon;

In favor of the town of Williamsburg;

In favor of Philip Mackey; and

Authorizing the Treasurer to borrow money in anticipation of the revenue;

(Which severally originated in the House;)

Were severally passed, signed, and sent to the Senate. Resolves passed.

*Orders of the Day.*

The Bill to amend chapter 224 of the Acts of the year 1870, concerning manufacturing and other corporations, was read and ordered to a third reading. Orders of the day.

**Bills :**

To supply the city of Taunton with pure water; and

To provide for the enforcement of certain provisions of

chapter 372 of the Acts of the year 1874, relative to crossings of railroads by highways; and the

Resolve in relation to the representation of Massachusetts at the Centennial Exposition at Philadelphia (amended on motion of Messrs. Kimball and Hale of Boston);

Were severally read, passed to be engrossed, and sent up for concurrence.

The Bill in relation to the Commonwealth flats near South Boston was read, and pending an amendment moved by Mr. Hale of Boston, its further consideration was, on motion of Mr. Osgood of Salem, postponed until tomorrow.

The Bill making appropriations to enable the Governor and Council to perform the duties imposed upon them by the Act to provide for the management of the Hoosac Tunnel and the Troy and Greenfield Railroad, and for other purposes, was read and considered. Pending amendments moved by Mr. Hale of Boston, and a motion by Mr. Blaney of Peabody to refer to the next General Court, the House, at 5.05,

Adjourned.

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TUESDAY, May 11, 1875.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer was offered by the Chaplain.

*Orders.*

On motion of Mr. Phillips of Salem,—

Seventeenth of  
June.

*Ordered*, That that the committee on the celebration of the centennial on the seventeenth day of June be increased by the addition of two members from the House, and such as the Senate may join.

On motion of Mr. Churchill of Boston,—

Westborough  
Reform School.

*Ordered*, That the committee on Public Charitable Institutions, to whom was recommitted the Resolve providing for enlarged accommodation and classification of the inmates of the State Reform School at Westborough, have authority to report in print.

Severally sent up for concurrence.

*Papers from the Senate.*

A Bill relating to divorce, passed to be engrossed by the Senate, was read and referred to the committee on the Judiciary. Divorce.

The House Resolve in relation to the returns from savings banks was referred in concurrence to the committee on Banks and Banking. Returns from savings banks.

*Bill Enacted.*

An engrossed bill :

Bill enacted.

To extend the time for organizing the Vineyard Telegraph Company ;

(Which originated in the House ;)

Was passed to be enacted, signed, and sent to the Senate.

*Reports of Committees.*

By Mr. Heywood of Worcester, from the committee on Railroads, that the Bill (on leave) to provide for the purchase of railroads sold on legal process or otherwise ought not to pass. Placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow, the question being on rejection. Purchase of railroads.

By Mr. Blaney of Peabody, from the committee on Finance, asking to be discharged from the further consideration of the Bill to fix the salary of the commissioner of savings banks. Commissioner of savings banks.

By Mr. Kimball of Boston, from the same committee, asking to be discharged from the further consideration of the Resolve in favor of Walter and Francis Shanly. W. & F. Shanly.

The committee was discharged in each case, and the bill and resolve were severally placed in the orders of the day for a second reading to-morrow.

By Mr. Blunt of Haverhill, from the committee on Railroads, on an order, a Bill concerning railroad tracks for private use. Private railroad tracks.

By Mr. Phillips of Salem, from the same committee, on the Report of the Railroad Commissioners, a Resolve directing the Board of Railroad Commissioners to prepare and report to the next Legislature such rules as will provide for uniformity in keeping the accounts of railroad corporations. Railroad accounts.

By Mr. Kimball of Boston, from the committee on Finance, on an order, a Bill in addition to an Act making Appropriation bill.

appropriations to meet certain expenditures authorized the present year, and for other purposes.

Severally read and ordered to a second reading.

Repairs of State House.

By Mr. Paul of Boston, from the joint special committee to investigate the subject of repairs on the State House, the details of the investigation, and a Resolve providing for payment for certain repairs heretofore made on the State House. Read, and under a suspension of the rule requiring reference to the committee on Finance, moved by Mr. Kimball of Boston, placed in the orders of the day for a second reading to-morrow.

A minority of the committee, consisting of Messrs. Shaw of Springfield, Churchill of Boston, and Peirce of New Bedford, in addition to the above, presented further views in writing on the subject.

East Boston.

By Mr. Meserve of Hopkinton, from the committee on Probate and Chancery, that the Bill (on leave) to authorize the Commissioners on Public Lands to release a certain parcel of land in East Boston ought to pass.

Newton.

By Mr. Pierce of Milton, from the committee on the Judiciary, that the Senate Bill in addition to an Act to establish the city of Newton ought to pass.

Severally placed in the orders of the day for a second reading to-morrow.

### *Motion to Reconsider.*

Philadelphia centennial.

Mr. Rice of Worcester moved to reconsider the vote whereby the House yesterday passed to be engrossed the Resolve in relation to the representation of Massachusetts at the Centennial Exposition at Philadelphia.

On motion of Mr. Ropes of Boston the yeas and nays were ordered, and the roll being called, the motion was lost by a vote of 82 yeas to 94 nays, as follows :—

### YEAS.

Messrs. James Abbe,  
Samuel Allen,  
Michael Atkinson,  
Daniel D. Bailey,  
Cyrus F. Baker,  
John I. Baker,  
Giles G. Barker,  
T. D. Beach,  
James Bergin,  
John H. Blake,

Messrs. Sylvester W. Bowen,  
Reuben Boynton, .  
Wm. E. Bridgman,  
Isaac T. Burr,  
Michael Carney,  
Austin H. Connell,  
Augustine P. Cook,  
F. S. Coolidge,  
John A. Cummings,  
Henry Dennis, Jr.,

**Messrs.** George W. Dyer,  
 Edwin Ellis,  
 James E. Estabrook,  
 John B. Fairbanks,  
 Luther Fisk,  
 John D. Flynn,  
 Albert W. Gaskill,  
 James W. Gaylord,  
 Wm. M. Gaylord,  
 Benjamin Gifford,  
 Levi L. Goodspeed,  
 Thomas T. Griggs,  
 Gayton M. Hall,  
 George Hall,  
 Solomon E. Hallett,  
 Nathan M. Hawkes,  
 Beriah T. Hillman,  
 William A. Hodges,  
 E. Everett Holbrook,  
 M. M. Hovey,  
 Wm. B. Howard,  
 Francis M. Hughes,  
 Henry L. James,  
 Edward J. Johnson,  
 George W. Jones,  
 Benj. F. Leighton,  
 Daniel J. Lewis,  
 John D. Long,  
 Henry S. Miner,  
 Joseph Mitchell, 2d,  
 Daniel Noonan,

**Messrs.** Chas. M. Peirce, Jr.,  
 Chas. H. Pew, 2d,  
 Edward L. Pierce,  
 James Pierce,  
 Isaac Pratt, Jr.,  
 William W. Rice,  
 J. C. Richmond,  
 Joseph S. Ropes,  
 Cyrus K. Russell,  
 Nathaniel J. Rust,  
 John Sanborn,  
 Edward Sanderson,  
 Charles B. Sanford,  
 John M. Seeley,  
 Frederick P. Shaw,  
 George D. Smalley,  
 Abraham H. Smith,  
 Edward F. Smith,  
 E. A. Spaulding,  
 Richard H. Stearns,  
 Isaac Stebbins,  
 Lafayette Stevens,  
 Byron Truell,  
 Albert J. Trull,  
 Artemas S. Tyler,  
 Edmond M. Vincent,  
 George M. Warren,  
 Wilbur F. Whitney,  
 E. Crosby Willard,  
 William Winn,  
 Walter Wyman.

## NAYS.

**Messrs.** Ebenezer Adams,  
 Stephen M. Allen,  
 John J. Babson,  
 Amasa W. Bailey,  
 Joseph H. Baker,  
 John H. Bell,  
 William H. Bent,  
 John C. Bickford,  
 Wm. E. Blunt,  
 Frederick L. Bosworth,  
 Selwyn Z. Bowman,  
 Osgood Bradley, Jr.,  
 Wilbur F. Brigham,  
 Wm. E. Bright,  
 Samuel R. Brintnall,  
 Charles M. Brown,  
 James H. Carleton,

**Messrs.** William Carroll,  
 William Chase,  
 Gardner A. Churchill,  
 Isaiah Churchill,  
 Charles R. Codman,  
 Abraham B. Coffin,  
 Lowell Coolidge,  
 J. W. Coveney,  
 Ben. C. Currier,  
 Francis C. Curtis,  
 Levi L. Cushing, Jr.,  
 Epes Davis,  
 Alpheus Fobes,  
 William Frost,  
 Edward E. Gibbs,  
 Elbridge H. Goss,  
 Charles H. Greene,



Messrs. Charles Hale,  
 David E. Harding,  
 William A. Haskell,  
 George Heywood,  
 Samuel R. Heywood,  
 Amos B. Holden,  
 Henry T. Holmes,  
 Daniel P. Hopkinson,  
 Fred'k G. Howes,  
 S. A. Jacobs,  
 Thomas Johnson,  
 Isaac N. Keith,  
 Philo Keith,  
 Wm. Keith,  
 Moses Kimball,  
 William S. King,  
 Joel Knapp,  
 William S. Knox,  
 Daniel W. Lawrence,  
 John B. Le Baron,  
 William Martin,  
 Edward S. May,  
 Samuel May,  
 James A. McDonald,  
 Clement Meserve,  
 Frederick P. Moseley,  
 W. Stanley Newhall,  
 George L. Newton,  
 Edward W. Noble,  
 Isaac N. Nutter,

Messrs. Charles S. Osgood,  
 Harrison D. Packard,  
 William E. Perkins,  
 Willard P. Phillips,  
 Stephen C. Phinney,  
 Richard Pope,  
 Willard Putnam,  
 George W. Reed,  
 Albert E. Rice,  
 Thomas Rich,  
 Charles A. Rogers,  
 John S. Ryder,  
 Cyrus Savage,  
 John Savery,  
 Ebenezer Sawyer,  
 Isaiah A. Small,  
 Albert Smith,  
 John L. Smith,  
 John C. Stimpson,  
 Charles A. F. Swan,  
 Dan'l J. Sweeney,  
 Leonard A. Thayer,  
 Wm. A. Thompson,  
 Dexter A. Tompkins,  
 Enoch H. Towne,  
 Austin C. Wellington,  
 Joseph White,  
 Felix G. Whitney,  
 Moses Williams, Jr.,  
 John H. Woodbury,

Beverly.

Yeas, 82; nays, 94.

### *Orders of the Day.*

Orders of the  
 day.

The report of the joint special committee on Constitutional Amendments (reference to the next General Court), on an Order relative to the expediency of providing for biennial sessions of the Legislature, and biennial elections of the Governor and other state officers, was accepted and sent up for concurrence.

The report of the committee on the Judiciary (reference to the next General Court), on an Order relative to attachment of personal property, costs and officers' fees, was accepted.

### **Bills:**

Relating to joint tenants, coparceners and tenants in common;

Relating to the Central District Court of Worcester ; and the

Resolve in relation to the Massachusetts School Fund ;  
Were severally read and ordered to a third reading.

Bills :

Making appropriations to enable the Governor and Council to perform the duties imposed upon them by the Act to provide for the management of the Hoosac Tunnel and the Troy and Greenfield Railroad, and for other purposes (further considered and amended on motion of Mr. Hale of Boston) ; and

To amend chapter 224 of the Acts of the year 1870, concerning manufacturing and other corporations (read a third time) ;

Were severally passed to be engrossed, and sent up for concurrence.

Bill to amend the General Statutes, relative to the descent and distribution of real and personal property, was further considered. Pending amendments, moved by Messrs. Long of Hingham and Hale of Boston, were negatived, and the Bill was rejected.

The Bill in relation to the Commonwealth Flats near South Boston was further considered, pending which the House at 4.45

Adjourned.

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WEDNESDAY, May 12, 1875.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer was offered by the Chaplain.

*Orders.*

On motion of Mr. Hale of Boston,—

*Ordered*, That a special committee of three members, So. Boston flats. selected from the members on the part of the House of the joint special committee who reported the bill printed in House, No. 365, be appointed to procure a map exhibiting the improvements in lands at South Boston contemplated by said bill. Messrs. Osgood of Salem, Stearns of Boston, and Haven of Framingham were appointed as the committee.

Mr. Phillips of Salem offered an order, which was

amended on motion of Messrs. Baker of Beverly and Blaney of Peabody, and adopted, as follows:—

Illumination of  
State House.

*Ordered*, That the committee appointed for the reception and entertainment of the President and others, June 17th next, be authorized to decorate and illuminate the State House on that day, at an expense not exceeding seven hundred dollars, the work to be done by contract, and the money to be paid from the appropriation made for the celebration of the 17th of June.

Sent up for concurrence.

*Papers from the Senate.*

Questions of  
law.

The House Bill relative to the reporting of questions of law by the supreme judicial court and the superior court, passed to be engrossed by the Senate, with an amendment, was referred, under the rule, to the committee on the Judiciary.

Pegan Brook.

The Bill to provide for the diversion of impurities from Lake Cochituate, passed to be engrossed by the Senate, was read and ordered to a second reading.

Special contracts  
for labor.

The House Bill to regulate special contracts for labor came down passed to be engrossed, with an amendment, in which the House concurred.

East Boston  
railroad cross-  
ings.

The Bill to provide for a change of the location and tracks of the Eastern Railroad Company, the Boston and Albany Railroad Company, and the Boston, Revere Beach and Lynn Railroad Company, in East Boston, passed to be engrossed by the Senate, was read, and under suspension of the rule was read a second time and ordered to a third reading.

*Bills Enacted.*

Bills enacted.

Engrossed bills:

To regulate and limit municipal indebtedness;

In addition to the provisions of section 16 of chapter 92 of the General Statutes concerning the custodians of wills;

To amend chapter 248 of the Acts of the year 1874, relating to rules of practice in the supreme judicial and superior courts;

(Which severally originated in the House;)

Were passed to be enacted, signed, and sent to the Senate.

*Orders of the Day.*

Orders of the  
day.

The report of the committee on the Judiciary, that the House ought not to concur in the Senate amendments to

the Bill relating to contracts with certain public officers was accepted, and the House non-concurred in the amendments.

The Bill to provide for the purchase of railroads sold on legal process or otherwise was rejected, in accordance with the recommendation of the committee on Railroads.

**Bills :**

To amend an Act to authorize the Commissioners on Public Lands to release a certain parcel of land in East Boston ;

In addition to an Act making appropriations to meet certain expenditures authorized the present year, and for other purposes ; and

In addition to an Act to establish the city of Newton ; and

**Resolves :**

Providing for the payment for certain repairs heretofore made on the State House ;

In favor of Walter and Francis Shanly ; and

Directing the Board of Railroad Commissioners to prepare and report to the next Legislature such rules as will provide for uniformity in keeping the accounts of railroad corporations ;

Were severally read and ordered to a third reading.

The Bill relating to the Central District Court of Worcester was read and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

The Bill relating to joint tenants, coparceners and tenants in common ; and

**Resolves :**

Concerning the Boston and Albany Railroad (amended on motion of Mr. Cummings of Somerville) ;

In relation to changing the site selected for a new state prison ; and

In relation to the Massachusetts School Fund ;

Were severally read, passed to be engrossed, and sent up for concurrence.

The Bill concerning railroad tracks for private use was read and rejected.

The Bill to fix the salary of the Commissioner of Savings Banks was read, and, on motion of Mr. Sanborn of Boston, was indefinitely postponed.

The Bill in relation to the Commonwealth flats near South Boston was further considered. Sundry further

amendments were moved, and, on motion of Mr. Ropes of Boston, the further consideration of the bill was postponed until to-morrow, and the amendments were ordered to be printed.

The Bill to abolish the school committee of the city of Boston, and to establish the Board of Education of said city, was read, amended on motion of Mr. Hale of Boston (the title being on his motion amended to read "An Act to reorganize the school committee of the city of Boston"), and Mr. Merrill of Boston, and as amended was ordered to a third reading.

At 5.20, the House  
Adjourned.

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THURSDAY, May 13, 1875.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer was offered by the Chaplain.

*Petitions Presented.*

**W. & F. Shanly.** By Mr. Dwyer of Adams, petitions of Ex-Lieutenant-Governor W. C. Plunkett and 33 others of South Adams; E. P. Loring and 39 others of Fitchburg; F. S. Rice and 39 others of Hoosac Tunnel; James Edwards and 60 others of Deerfield; General W. F. Bartlett and R. V. Pomeroy of Pittsfield; and Claflin, Larrabee & Co., and 13 others of Boston; Lieutenant-Governor Joseph Tucker and 40 others; Sanford Blackinton and 124 others of North Adams, severally in aid of the memorial of Walter and Francis Shanly.

Severally placed on file.

*Orders.*

On motion of Mr. Hill of Boston,—

Each session a  
legislative day.

*Ordered*, That hereafter each session of the House be considered a legislative day.

*Motions to Reconsider.*

Joint tenants.

On motion of Mr. Heywood of Concord, the vote whereby the House passed to be engrossed the Bill relating to joint tenants, coparceners and tenants in common was reconsidered, and pending the recurring question on

engrossment the bill was, on motion of Mr. Heywood, laid on the table.

On motion of Mr. Hale of Boston, the vote whereby the House yesterday passed to be engrossed the Resolve in relation to the Massachusetts School Fund was reconsidered. Pending the recurring question on engrossment, the resolve was amended, on motion of the same gentleman, and as amended was again passed to be engrossed, and sent up for concurrence.

Mass. school fund.

The Bill to provide for a change of the location and tracks of the Eastern Railroad Company, the Boston and Albany Railroad Company, and the Boston, Revere Beach and Lynn Railroad Company, in East Boston, was, on motion of Mr. Tompkins of Boston, discharged from the orders of the day, read, amended as recommended by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading, and passed to be engrossed in concurrence, and sent up for concurrence in the amendments.

East Boston railroad crossings.

#### *Introduced on Leave.*

By Mr. Kimball of Boston, under suspension of the 20th joint rule, a Bill in addition to an Act to provide for a union passenger station in the city of Worcester.

Union passenger station, Worcester.

Under a suspension of the rules, the bill took its several readings, was passed to be engrossed and sent up for concurrence.

Mr. Pierce of Malden asked leave to introduce a Resolve providing for additional cell room at the State Prison, and moved a suspension of the rule of the House. The motion being lost, on a count, Mr. Pierce called for the yeas and nays, which were ordered, and the roll being called, the motion was carried by a vote of 140 to 23, as follows:—

State Prison.

#### YEAS.

Messrs. James Abbe,  
Ebenezer Adams,  
Samuel Allen,  
Michael Atkinson,  
John J. Babson,  
Amasa W. Bailey,  
Cyrus F. Baker,  
John I. Baker,  
Joseph H. Baker,  
T. D. Beach,  
George Beal,

Messrs. John H. Blake,  
Stephen F. Blaney,  
Wm. E. Blunt,  
Frederick L. Bosworth,  
Sylvester W. Bowen,  
Horace L. Bowker,  
Reuben Boynton,  
Wm. E. Bridgman,  
William E. Bright,  
Charles M. Brown,  
Isaac T. Burr,

**Messrs.** James H. Carleton,  
 Isaiah Churchill,  
 Patrick Collins,  
 Austin H. Connell,  
 Owen Coogan,  
 Augustus P. Cook,  
 F. S. Coolidge,  
 Lowell Coolidge,  
 A. M. Copeland,  
 John A. Cummings,  
 Ben. C. Currier,  
 William D. Curtis,  
 Benj. F. Davis,  
 Henry Dennis, Jr.,  
 Neil Doherty,  
 C. W. Duggan,  
 James W. Dwyer,  
 George W. Dyer,  
 James E. Estabrook,  
 John B. Fairbanks,  
 Thomas F. Fitz Gerald,  
 Samuel Flower,  
 Alpheus Fobes,  
 William Frost,  
 Albert W. Gaskill,  
 Wm. M. Gaylord,  
 Emerson Geer,  
 Benjamin Gifford,  
 Charles H. Greene,  
 Daniel G. Green,  
 Thos. T. Griggs,  
 Dexter Grose,  
 Charles Hale,  
 Solomon E. Hallett,  
 William A. Haskell,  
 George Haven,  
 Moses B. Heywood,  
 Samuel R. Heywood,  
 Joseph W. Hill,  
 Beriah T. Hillman,  
 Amos B. Holden,  
 Henry T. Holmes,  
 Daniel P. Hopkinson,  
 M. M. Hovey,  
 William B. Howard,  
 Frederick G. Howes,  
 Henry L. James,  
 Thomas Johnson,  
 Isaac N. Keith,  
 Philo Keith,

**Messrs.** William Keith,  
 Ziba C. Keith,  
 Edward Kendall,  
 Moses Kimball,  
 Joel Knapp,  
 Daniel W. Lawrence,  
 John B. Le Baron,  
 Benj. F. Leighton,  
 Daniel J. Lewis,  
 Pliny T. Litchfield,  
 John D. Long,  
 William Martin,  
 Joseph T. Massey,  
 Edward S. May,  
 Samuel May,  
 James A. McDonald,  
 Wm. B. Merrill,  
 Henry S. Miner,  
 Frederick P. Moseley,  
 Edward W. Noble,  
 Reuben Noble,  
 Daniel Noonan,  
 Isaac N. Nutter,  
 Chas. S. Osgood,  
 Harrison D. Packard,  
 Joseph F. Paul,  
 Chas. M. Peirce, Jr.,  
 Chas. H. Pew, 2d,  
 Stephen C. Phinney,  
 James Pierce,  
 Isaac Pratt, Jr.,  
 Willard Putnam,  
 George W. Reed,  
 Albert E. Rice,  
 Wm. W. Rice,  
 Joshua C. Robinson,  
 John L. Robinson,  
 Joseph S. Ropes,  
 John S. Ryder,  
 John Sanborn,  
 Charles B. Sanford,  
 Cyrus Savage,  
 John Savery,  
 Ebenezer Sawyer,  
 Nathaniel Seaver,  
 Charles L. Shaw,  
 Frederick P. Shaw,  
 George D. Smalley,  
 Abraham H. Smith,  
 Lafayette Stevens,

Messrs. John C. Stimpson,  
Isaac Stone,  
Samuel Talbot, Jr.,  
Wm. A. Thompson,  
Daniel H. Thurston,  
Dexter A. Tompkins,  
George H. Torrey,  
Albert J. Trull,  
Chas. R. Tucker, Jr.,

Messrs. Edmond M. Vincent,  
Austin C. Wellington,  
Joseph White,  
Henry M. Wilcox,  
Moses Williams, Jr.,  
Nathan M. Wood,  
John H. Woodbury,  
Beverly,  
William Woods,  
Walter Wyman.

YAYS.

Messrs. Daniel D. Bailey,  
Wm. H. Bent,  
John C. Bickford,  
Wilbur F. Brigham,  
Jacob W. Davis,  
Luther Fisk,  
James W. Gaylord,  
George Hall,  
George Heywood,  
Salmon D. Hood,  
James L. Locke,  
Clement Meserve,

Messrs. George L. Newton,  
Thomas Rich,  
J. C. Richmond,  
Cyrus K. Russell,  
E. F. Smith,  
Leonard A. Thayer,  
Byron Truell,  
Artemas S. Tyler,  
Wilbur F. Whitney,  
E. Crosby Willard,  
William Winn.

Yeas, 140; nays, 23.

Under a suspension of the rules, the resolve took its several readings, was passed to be engrossed, and sent up for concurrence.

*Reports of Committees.*

By Mr. Pierce of Milton, from the committee on the Judiciary, that the House ought not to concur in the Senate amendment to the House Bill relative to the reporting of questions of law by the supreme judicial court and the superior court. Accepted under a suspension of the rule, and the amendment was not concurred in. Questions of law.

By Mr. Heywood of Concord, from the same committee, Westborough. that the Senate Bill confirming a vote of the town of Westborough, passed November 4, 1856, ought to pass (Messrs. Rice of Worcester and Pierce of Milton, a minority of the committee, dissenting). Placed in the orders of the day for a second reading to-morrow.

By Mr. Churchill of Boston, from the committee on Public Charitable Institutions, to whom was recommitted the Resolve providing for enlarged accommodations and classification of the inmates of the State Reform School. State Reform School.



at Westborough, that the same ought to pass. Placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow, the question being on engrossment.

**Superior court.** By Mr. Pierce of Milton, from the committee on the Judiciary, that the Senate Bill to increase the number of associate justices of the superior court ought to pass. Read, and placed in the orders of the day for a second reading to-morrow.

**State Board of Health.** By Mr. Adams of Boston, from the committee on the State House; on an order, a Resolve providing accommodations for the State Board of Health, and for the expense of furnishing the same. Under suspension of the rules, the resolve took its several readings, was passed to be engrossed, and sent up for concurrence.

**Adoption of children.** By Mr. Rice of Boston, from the committee on the Judiciary, that the Bill (on leave) concerning the adoption of children ought to pass in a new draft. Read and ordered to a second reading.

**Close of session.** By Mr. Hill of Boston, from the joint special committee on the close of the session, that in the opinion of the committee the session can be brought to a close on Saturday next, and that the action of the two branches should be taken with a view to that result. Read, accepted under suspension of the rule, and sent up for concurrence.

### *Papers from the Senate.*

**Superior court.** A Bill to increase the number of associate justices of the superior court, passed to be engrossed by the Senate, was read and referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

#### **Reports :**

**Commission of Lunacy.** Of the committee on Public Charitable Institutions, inexpedient to legislate, on report of Commissioners of Lunacy asking for the establishment of a "Commission of Lunacy"; and

**Self-couplers for freight cars.** Of committee on Railroads, reference to the next General Court, on the Senate Bill requiring the use of self-couplers on freight cars ;

Were severally read and accepted in concurrence, under suspension of the rules.

### *Orders of the Day.*

**Orders of the day.** The Bill to provide for the diversion of impurities from Lake Cochituate was read, and on motion of Mr. Fair-

banks of Natick, was referred to the next General Court.

Subsequently, Mr. Bowker of Boston moved to reconsider the vote, but the motion was lost.

The Bill in addition to an Act to establish the city of Newton was read, amended on motion of Mr. Burr of Newton, passed to be engrossed in concurrence, and sent up for concurrence in the amendment.

#### Bills :

In addition to an Act making appropriations to meet certain expenditures authorized the present year, and for other purposes ;

To amend an Act to authorize the Commissioners on Public Lands to release a certain parcel of land in East Boston ; and

To reorganize the school committee of the city of Boston (amended on motion of Messrs. Merrill and Codman of Boston) ; and the

Resolve directing the Board of Railroad Commissioners to report to the next Legislature the expediency of prescribing such rules as will provide for uniformity in keeping the accounts of railroad corporations (the title having been amended by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading) ;

Were severally read, passed to be engrossed, and sent up for concurrence.

The Bill in relation to the Commonwealth flats near South Boston was further considered, amended on motion of Messrs. Hale and Pope of Boston and Phillips of Salem, and as amended was ordered to a third reading.

The Resolve in favor of Walter and Francis Shanly was read. Pending its consideration, Mr. Kimball of Boston moved that the House adjourn. On this motion, the yeas and nays were ordered, and the roll being called, the motion was lost by a vote of 45 yeas to 59 nays, as follows :—

#### YEAS.

Messrs. Samuel Allen,  
Cyrus F. Baker,  
Joseph H. Baker,  
Wm. E. Blunt,  
Reuben Boynton,  
Wm. E. Bridgman,  
Isaac T. Burr,

Messrs. Charles R. Codman,  
A. B. Coffin,  
Augustine P. Cook,  
Lowell Coolidge,  
Epes Davis,  
Joseph Fobes,  
Emerson Geer,

**Messrs.** Daniel G. Green,  
George Haven,  
George Heywood,  
Amos B. Holden,  
Henry T. Holmes,  
Ziba C. Keith,  
Edward Kendall,  
Moses Kimball,  
William S. King,  
William Martin,  
Edward S. May,  
Samuel May,  
Wm. B. Merrill,  
Henry S. Miner,  
F. G. Morris,  
Frederick P. Moseley,

**Messrs.** Edward W. Noble,  
Daniel Noonan,  
Joseph F. Paul,  
Edward L. Pierce,  
Isaac Pratt, Jr.,  
Willard Putnam,  
Albert E. Rice,  
Joseph S. Ropes,  
John S. Ryder,  
John L. Smith,  
Joseph White,  
Wilbur F. Whitney,  
Moses Williams, Jr.,  
Wm. Winn.  
John H. Woodbury,  
*Boston.*

**NAYS.**

**Messrs.** Stephen M. Allen,  
John J. Babson,  
Theodore D. Beach,  
George Beal,  
Sylvester W. Bowen,  
Horace L. Bowker,  
Wilbur F. Brigham,  
Michael Carney,  
Gardner A. Churchill,  
Austin H. Connell,  
John A. Cummings,  
William D. Curtis,  
Jacob W. Davis,  
James W. Dwyer,  
Edwin Ellis,  
Luther Fisk,  
Samuel Flower,  
William Frost,  
James W. Gaylord,  
William M. Gaylord,  
Edward E. Gibbs,  
Elbridge H. Goss,  
Charles H. Greene,  
Charles Hale,  
George Hall,  
Solomon E. Hallett,  
Joseph W. Hill,  
Beriah T. Hillman,  
Frederick G. Howes,  
Francis M. Hughes,

**Messrs.** S. A. Jacobs,  
George P. Kingsley,  
Daniel W. Lawrence,  
James L. Locke,  
James T. Mahony,  
James A. McDonald,  
Joseph Mitchell, 2d,  
James Pierce,  
Alanson B. Pomeroy,  
William W. Rice,  
Joshua C. Robinson,  
Charles A. Rogers,  
John Sanborn,  
John M. Seeley,  
Charles L. Shaw,  
Lafayette Stevens,  
John C. Stimpson,  
Isaac Stone,  
Daniel J. Sweeney,  
Samuel Talbot, Jr.,  
Leonard A. Thayer,  
Daniel H. Thurston,  
Dexter A. Tompkins,  
Edmond M. Vincent,  
Austin C. Wellington,  
Felix G. Whitney,  
Nathan M. Wood,  
John H. Woodbury,  
*Beverly.*  
William Woods.

Yeas, 45 ; nays, 59.

After further consideration of the resolve, on motion of Mr. Miner of Phillipston, the House, at 5.30, Adjourned.

FRIDAY, May 14, 1875.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer was offered by the Chaplain.

*Order.*

On motion of Mr. Hillman of Chilmark,—

*Ordered*, That the committee on the Pay Roll make up the pay-roll of the members of the House.

*Taken from the Table.*

On motion of Mr. Heywood of Concord, the Bill relating to joint tenants, coparceners and tenants in common was taken from the table and considered. An amendment moved by the same gentleman was lost, and on motion of Mr. Hale of Boston, the bill was indefinitely postponed.

*Recalled from the Senate.*

On motion of Mr. Hale of Boston, the House Bill making appropriations to enable the Governor and Council to perform the duties imposed upon them by the Act to provide for the management of the Hoosac Tunnel and the Troy and Greenfield Railroad, and for other purposes, was recalled from the Senate, Mr. King of Boston being charged with a message to that branch asking for its return to the House.

Subsequently, the bill was received from the Senate, and on motion of Mr. Hale, the text of the bill was corrected to correspond with the action of the House thereon, and it was returned to the Senate.

*Introduced on Leave.*

By Mr. Codman of Boston, under suspension of the rule, a Resolve authorizing the issue of arms to Harvard College.

Under a suspension of the rules, the resolve took its several readings, was passed to be engrossed, and sent up for concurrence.

*Reports of Committees.*Attorney-Gen-  
eral's Report.

By Mr. Codman of Boston, from the committee on the Judiciary, no further legislation necessary on the Attorney-General's report. Read and accepted under suspension of the rule.

Somerville  
burial-ground.

By Mr. Allen of Duxbury, from the committee on Towns, reference to next General Court, on petition of the mayor of Somerville for authority to use certain land in the town of Waltham as a burial-ground. Read, accepted under suspension of the rule, and sent up for concurrence.

Boston—wards.

By Mr. Codman of Boston, from the committee on the Judiciary, that the Senate Bill to authorize the division of the city of Boston into thirty-six wards, and to fix the number of members of the common council and school committee, ought to pass, with certain amendments.

Supreme judi-  
cial court.

By Mr. Knox of Lawrence, from the same committee, that the Senate Bill to enlarge the equity jurisdiction of the supreme judicial court ought to pass, with an amendment.

Severally placed in the orders of the day for a second reading this afternoon.

*Motion to Reconsider.*Boston—school  
committee.

Mr. Hale of Boston moved to reconsider the vote whereby the House yesterday passed to be engrossed the Bill to reorganize the school committee of the city of Boston, but the motion was lost.

*Papers from the Senate.*

Boston Beer Co.

The Bill to authorize the Boston Beer Company to increase its capital stock, passed to be engrossed by the Senate, was read, the rule requiring reference to a committee was suspended, and under suspension of the rules, the bill took its several readings and was passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

Contracts with  
public officers.

The House Bill relating to contracts with certain public officers came down with the indorsement that the Senate insisted on its amendments. The House insisted on its non-concurrence.

Bills.

Bills :

In relation to the filing of petitions before county commissioners ;

To amend chapter 391 of the Acts of 1871, establishing the first district court in Southern Worcester; and

To amend chapter 50 of the General Statutes relating to itinerant merchants or peddlers;

Passed to be engrossed by the Senate, were severally read and referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

The House Bill to supply the city of Taunton with pure water came down passed to be engrossed by the Senate, with an amendment, in which the House concurred. Taunton—  
water.

### *Bills Enacted.*

Engrossed bills:

Bills enacted.

To regulate special contracts for labor;

(Which originated in the House;) and

Relating to the central district court of Worcester;

(Which originated in the Senate;)

Were severally passed to be enacted, signed, and sent to the Senate.

### *Orders of the Day.*

The Resolve in favor of Walter and Francis Shanly was further considered. Pending amendments moved by Messrs. Pierce of Milton and Meserve of Hopkinton, the House, at one o'clock, Orders of the  
day.  
Adjourned.

### AFTERNOON SESSION.

#### *Introduced on Leave.*

By Mr. Blunt of Haverhill, under suspension of the 20th joint rule, a Bill in addition to an Act authorizing the First Parish in Newbury to sell real estate. Read and referred to the committee on the Judiciary, and sent up for concurrence in suspension of the rule. First Parish in  
Newbury.

#### *Reports of Committees.*

By Mr. Codman of Boston, from the committee on the Judiciary, that the Bill (on leave) to authorize the town of Marlborough to issue bonds for the purpose of funding its debts ought not to pass. Marlborough—  
debts.

On motion of the same gentleman, the rule was suspended, and the bill was rejected, as recommended by the committee.

**Divorce.** By Mr. Knox of Lawrence, from the committee on the Judiciary, that the Senate Bill relating to divorce ought to pass.

**Day's Academy.** By Mr. Rice of Worcester, from the same committee, that the Senate Bill to dispose of the building and funds of Day's Academy in Wrentham ought to pass.

**Filing petitions.** By Mr. Gardner of Palmer, from the same committee, that the Senate Bill in relation to the filing of petitions before county commissioners ought to pass.

Severally placed in the orders of the day for a second reading to-morrow.

**Railroad crossings.** By Mr. Heywood of Worcester, from the committee on Railroads, to whom was referred the Bill to amend chapter 372 of the Acts of the year 1874, relating to railroad crossings and bridges, that it ought to pass in a new draft, with the following title: "Bill to amend chapter 372 of the Acts of the year 1874, entitled 'An Act to revise and consolidate the provisions of the General Statutes, and of subsequent general acts relating to railroads.'"

**Taxes.** By Mr. Heywood of Concord, from the committee on the Judiciary, on an order, a Bill relating to the collection of taxes.

Severally read and ordered to a second reading.

**So. Worcester district court.** By Mr. Rice of Worcester, from the committee on the Judiciary, that the Senate Bill to amend chapter 391 of the Acts of 1871, reëstablishing the First District Court in Southern Worcester, ought not to pass.

**Peddlers.** By Mr. Heywood of Concord, from the same committee, that the Senate Bill to amend chapter 50 of the General Statutes, relating to itinerant merchants or peddlers, ought not to pass.

Severally placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow, the question in each case being on rejection.

**Militia equipments.** By Mr. Savage of Taunton, from the committee on Military Affairs, on report of the Adjutant-General for the year 1874, a Resolve for the purchase of equipments for use by the volunteer militia.

**State camp-ground.** By Mr. Wellington of Cambridge, from the same committee, a Resolve to provide for certain expenditures at the state camp-ground at South Framingham.

Severally read and placed in the orders of the day for a second reading to-morrow, under suspension of the rule requiring reference to committee on Finance.

*Bills Enacted.*

Engrossed bills :

Bills enacted.

To provide for the enforcement of certain provisions of chapter 372 of the Acts of the year 1874, relative to crossings of railroads by highways ;

In addition to an Act to provide for a union passenger station in the city of Worcester ;

(Which severally originated in the House ;)

To authorize the Boston Beer Company to increase its capital stock ; and

To provide for a change of location and tracks of the Eastern Railroad Company, the Boston and Albany Railroad Company, and the Boston, Revere Beach and Lynn Railroad Company in East Boston ;

(Which severally originated in the Senate ;)

Were severally passed to be enacted, signed, and sent to the Senate.

Engrossed resolves :

Resolves passed.

In relation to the returns from savings banks ; and

Providing accommodations for the State Board of Health, and for the expense of furnishing the same ;

(Which severally originated in the House ;)

Were passed, signed, and sent to the Senate.

*Orders of the Day.*

The Bill confirming a vote of the town of Westborough, passed November 4, 1856, was read and ordered to a third reading. Orders of the day.

The Resolve in favor of Walter and Francis Shanly was further considered. An amendment moved by Mr. Tompkins of Boston was adopted, and the resolve as amended was passed to be engrossed in concurrence, and sent up for concurrence in the amendment.

The Resolve providing for the payment for certain repairs heretofore made upon the State House was read and considered. Mr. Bowker of Boston moved to amend by adding the following :—

*Resolved*, That the commissioners appointed by the Legislature of 1874 on repairing the State House are, in the opinion of the Legislature, above suspicion in their desire to do full justice by the State ; and if there is any fault in their action, it is not chargeable to any intention or design on their part.



Mr. Codman of Boston raised the point of order that the amendment was not admissible, as not being germane to the resolve under consideration. The Chair (Mr. Long of Hingham) ruled that the point was not well taken. Mr. Rice of Worcester appealed from the decision, but after debate, the question being put, "Shall the decision of the Chair stand as the judgment of the House?" it was carried in the affirmative.

The amendment was then rejected, and the resolve was passed to be engrossed and sent up for concurrence.

The Bill concerning the adoption of children was read and considered. Pending amendments moved by Messrs. Rice of Worcester and Bowker of Boston, the House, at 5.40,

Adjourned.

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SATURDAY, May 15, 1875.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer was offered by the Chaplain.

*Order.*

On motion of Mr. Allen of Duxbury,—

So. Boston flats.

*Ordered*, That the Harbor Commissioners, in their next annual report, be requested to make an approximate statement of the location and amount of flats owned by the Commonwealth on its coast and harbors, so far as that information can be conveniently collected from existing maps, charts, surveys, or other knowledge then in their possession.

*Reports of Committees.*

Worcester Protective Department.

By Mr. Codman of Boston, from the committee on the Judiciary, that the Senate Bill to incorporate the Worcester Protective Department ought to pass. Placed in the orders of the day for a second reading to-morrow.

Co-tenants.

By Mr. Heywood of Concord, from the same committee, on an order, a Bill in relation to the payment of taxes by co-tenants. Read and ordered to a second reading.

Seventeenth of June.

By Mr. King of Boston, from the committee on Military Affairs, on an order, a Resolve to provide for certain expenses in connection with the centennial celebration of the 17th of June.

On motion of Mr. King, the rules were suspended, the resolve took its several readings, was passed to be engrossed, and sent up for concurrence.

By Mr. Codman of Boston, from the committee on the Judiciary, that the Bill (on leave) in addition to an Act authorizing the First Parish in Newbury to sell real estate ought to pass. First Parish—  
Newbury.

On motion of Mr. Blunt of Haverhill, the rules were suspended, the bill took its several readings, was passed to be engrossed, and sent up for concurrence.

### *Papers from the Senate.*

Notice was received from the Senate of the rejection by that branch of the House

Bill to amend chapter 49 of the General Statutes in relation to inspecting pickled and smoked fish; and the House Pickled fish.

Resolve providing for additional cell-room in the State Prison. State Prison.

The report of the committee of conference, to whom was referred the matter of difference between the two branches on the "Bill concerning the annual return of persons supported and relieved," that the same ought to pass in a new draft, submitted by the committee, was read and accepted in concurrence, under suspension of the rule. Persons supported and relieved.

A Resolve in favor of the State Board of Health, passed to be engrossed by the Senate, was read, and under suspension of the rules took its several readings, and was passed to be engrossed in concurrence. Board of Health.

A Bill to incorporate the Worcester Protective Department, passed to be engrossed by the Senate, was read and referred to the committee on the Judiciary. Worcester Protective Department.

### *Orders of the Day.*

The Bill to amend chapter 391 of the Acts of 1871, establishing the First District Court in Southern Worcester, was rejected, as recommended by the committee on the Judiciary. Orders of the day.

#### **Bills:**

To increase the number of associate justices of the superior court;

In relation to the filing of petitions before county commissioners;

To dispose of the building and funds of Day's Academy in Wrentham ;

Relating to divorce ;

Relating to the collection of taxes (amended on motion of Mr. Long of Hingham) ;

To amend chapter 372 of the Acts of the year 1874, entitled "An Act to revise and consolidate the provisions of the General Statutes, and of subsequent general Acts relating to railroads" (amended on motion of Mr. Williams of Brookline) ;

To enlarge the equity jurisdiction of the supreme judicial court (amended as recommended by the committee on the Judiciary) ;

Were severally read and ordered to a third reading.

The Bill concerning the adoption of children was further considered, the amendments moved by Mr. Rice of Worcester were adopted, and the bill as amended was ordered to a third reading.

The Resolve providing for enlarged accommodations and classification of the inmates of the State Reform School at Westborough was further considered, passed to be engrossed, and sent up for concurrence.

The Bill in relation to the Commonwealth flats near South Boston was read and amended on motion of Mr. Hale of Boston.

A motion of Mr. Moseley of Boston to refer the bill to the next General Court was rejected, as was also a motion by the same gentleman to reconsider the vote on that motion.

The bill as amended was then passed to be engrossed, and sent up for concurrence.

The Bill to authorize the division of the city of Boston into thirty-six wards, and to fix the number of members of the common council and school committee, was read and amended as recommended by the committee on the Judiciary. It was then, on motion of Mr. Sanborn of Boston, indefinitely postponed.

The Senate Bill to amend chapter 50 of the General Statutes, relating to itinerant merchants or peddlers, was considered, and the question being taken on its rejection, as recommended by the committee on the Judiciary, it was declared rejected.

The vote was doubted by Mr. Noble of Westfield, and a count being had, the bill was again declared rejected.

The same gentleman raising the point of order that a quorum was not present, a count of the House was had, and it appeared that but 86 members were present, and pending the verification of the vote last taken, the House, at 1.30,

Adjourned.

MONDAY, May 17, 1875.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer was offered by the Rev. Mr. House of Lowell.

*Taken from the Table.*

On motion of Mr. Hale of Boston, the statement of the Treasurer of the Commonwealth in regard to the amount of stock of the Boston and Albany Railroad held by the Commonwealth was taken from the table and placed on file.

*Papers from the Senate.*

A Resolve in relation to the Massachusetts School Fund, Masse. school fund. passed to be engrossed by the Senate, was read and ordered to a second reading.

A Bill in relation to costs to be taxed in civil actions, Taxation of costs. settled before entry of the same in court, passed to be engrossed by the Senate, was read and referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

The Resolve in relation to the representation of Massachusetts at the Centennial Exposition at Philadelphia, Philadelphia centennial. came down passed to be engrossed by the Senate, with amendments, in which the House concurred.

The House Bill relating to contracts with certain public officers Contracts with public officers. came down with the indorsement that the Senate insisted on its amendments, and asked for a committee of conference, Messrs. Hawes, Rymes and Fitz of Suffolk being appointed on its part. The House agreed to the request, and Messrs. Rice of Worcester and Churchill and Codman of Boston were appointed on the part of the House.

The report of a committee of conference on the matters of difference between the two branches on the Bill in addition to an Act for supplying the city of Fall River with pure water, Fall River—water. recommending that section two of the bill be

stricken out, was read and accepted in concurrence, under suspension of the rule.

Fraud at  
elections.

Notice was received from the Senate of the rejection by that branch of the House Bill to prevent fraud at elections in cities.

*Bills Enacted.*

Bills enacted.

Engrossed bills :

To supply the city of Taunton with pure water ;

In addition to an Act to establish the city of Newton ;

Concerning the annual returns of persons supported and relieved ; and

Making appropriations to enable the Governor and Council to perform the duties imposed upon them by the Act to provide for the management of the Hoosac Tunnel and the Troy and Greenfield Railroad, and for other purposes ;

(Which severally originated in the House ;)

Were severally passed to be enacted, signed, and sent to the Senate.

Resolves passed.

Engrossed resolves :

In relation to changing the site selected for a new State Prison ;

Directing the Board of Railroad Commissioners to report to the next Legislature upon the expediency of prescribing such rules as will provide for uniformity in keeping the accounts of railroad corporations ;

Authorizing the issue of arms to Harvard College ;

(Which severally originated in the House ;)

In favor of the State Board of Health ; and

In favor of Walter and Francis Shanly ;

(Which severally originated in the Senate ;)

Were severally passed, signed, and sent to the Senate.

*Reports of Committees.*

Taxation.

By Mr. Cushing of Cambridge, from the committee on Finance, reference to next General Court on report of Commissioners on Taxation and Exemption therefrom ; a Bill (on leave) to equalize taxation on mortgaged property ; an Order relative to amending the assessment laws ; and an Order relative to amending laws concerning poll taxes. The committee also recommended the adoption of an order providing for the printing of twelve hundred copies of the report of the Commissioners on Taxation and Exemption therefrom, with instructions to the Tax

Commissioner to distribute the same to assessors of cities and towns. Accepted, under suspension of the rule, except as to the order recommended, which was referred, under the rule, to the committee on Printing.

By Mr. Meserve of Hopkinton, from the committee on Probate and Chancery, that the House should concur in the Senate amendment to the Bill relating to the probate office of the county of Suffolk, with an amendment. Suffolk County probate office.

The report was considered, under a suspension of the rule, and the House refused to accept it, and non-concurred in the Senate amendments.

### *Motion to Reconsider.*

On motion of Mr. Paul of Boston, the vote whereby the House yesterday indefinitely postponed the Senate Bill to authorize the division of the city of Boston into thirty-six wards, and to fix the number of members of the common council and school committee was reconsidered. Boston—wards, etc.  
The bill was amended on motion of Messrs. Paul and Codman of Boston, and as amended was ordered to a third reading.

### *Orders of the Day.*

The Bill to amend chapter 50 of the General Statutes, relating to itinerant merchants or peddlers, was further considered, and rejected by a vote of 80 to 27. Orders of the day.

The Resolve for the purchase of equipments for use by the volunteer militia was read, amended on motion of Mr. Kimball of Boston, and rejected.

### **Bills :**

In relation to the filing of petitions before county commissioners ; and

Confirming a vote of the town of Westborough, passed November 4, 1856 ;

Were severally read and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

The Resolve to provide for certain expenditures at the state camp-ground at South Framingham was read and considered. Amendments moved by Mr. Kimball of Boston were adopted. Mr. Stone of Northampton moved to indefinitely postpone the resolve, and the question being taken, the motion was declared to be carried. The vote was doubted, and a count being had, the motion was again declared to be carried. Mr. Brigham of Hudson raised

the point of order that there was not a quorum present ; and a count of the House being had, it appeared that but 96 members were present ; and the House, at 5.05, Adjourned.

TUESDAY, May 18, 1875.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer was offered by the Chaplain.

*Orders.*

The following order, offered by Mr. Codman of Boston, was, at the request of Mr. Knox of Lawrence, laid over until afternoon :—

Twentieth joint rule.

*Ordered*, That the 20th joint rule be and hereby is rescinded.

The following order, offered by Mr. Bowker of Boston, was, at the request of Mr. Perkins of Boston, laid over until afternoon :—

Seventeenth of June.

*Ordered*, That the joint special committee to make arrangements for the reception of the President and other distinguished guests on the 17th of June, also make suitable arrangements for the attendance of the members of the Legislature at the celebration on that day.

*Introduced on Leave.*

Lake Cochituate.

By Mr. Tompkins of Boston, a Bill to preserve the purity of the waters of Lake Cochituate. The same gentleman moved a suspension of the 20th joint rule.

On motion of the same gentleman, the yeas and nays were ordered, and the House refused to suspend the rule by a vote of 95 yeas to 58 nays (four-fifths not having voted in the affirmative), as follows :—

YEAS.

Messrs. Samuel Allen,  
Stephen M. Allen,  
John J. Babson,  
John I. Baker,  
John H. Blake,  
William E. Blunt,  
Horace L. Bowker,  
Wilbur F. Brigham,

Messrs. Isaiah Churchill,  
Charles R. Codman,  
Patrick Collins,  
F. S. Coolidge,  
Lowell Coolidge,  
A. M. Copeland,  
Epes Davis,  
Neil Doherty,

Messrs. James W. Dwyer,  
 Samuel Flower,  
 Alpheus Fobes,  
 William Frost,  
 Albert W. Gaskill,  
 James W. Gaylord,  
 Emerson Geer,  
 Benjamin Gifford,  
 Levi L. Goodspeed,  
 Elbridge H. Goss,  
 Thos. T. Griggs,  
 Charles Hale,  
 Gayton M. Hall,  
 George Haven,  
 George Heywood,  
 Samuel R. Heywood,  
 James E. Hill,  
 Joseph W. Hill,  
 Amos B. Holden,  
 Henry T. Holmes,  
 Salmon D. Hood,  
 M. M. Hovey,  
 Wm. B. Howard,  
 Francis M. Hughes,  
 S. A. Jacobs,  
 Henry L. James,  
 Edward J. Johnson,  
 Thomas Johnson,  
 George W. Jones,  
 Isaac N. Keith,  
 Moses Kimball,  
 Wm. S. King,  
 John B. Le Baron,  
 George T. Lincoln,  
 John D. Long,  
 William Martin,  
 Joseph T. Massey,  
 Edward S. May,  
 Samuel May,  
 John J. McNutt,

Messrs. Wm. B. Merrill,  
 Joseph Mitchell, 2d,  
 Frederick P. Moseley,  
 Reuben Noble,  
 Charles S. Osgood,  
 Harrison D. Packard,  
 Joseph F. Paul,  
 Chas. M. Peirce, Jr.,  
 Wm. E. Perkins,  
 Stephen C. Phinney,  
 James Pierce,  
 Richard Pope,  
 Willard Putnam,  
 Thomas Rich,  
 Jonathan C. Richmond,  
 John L. Robinson,  
 Joseph S. Ropes,  
 Nath'l J. Rust,  
 John Sanborn,  
 Cyrus Savage,  
 John Savery,  
 Ebenezer Sawyer,  
 Nathaniel Seaver,  
 Frederick P. Shaw,  
 Isaiah A. Small,  
 Edwin A. Spaulding,  
 Richard H. Stearns,  
 Isaac Stebbins,  
 John C. Stimpson,  
 Leonard A. Thayer,  
 Daniel H. Thurston,  
 Dexter A. Tompkins,  
 George H. Torrey,  
 Austin C. Wellington,  
 Moses Williams, Jr.,  
 William Winn,  
 John H. Woodbury,  
 William Woods,  
 Walter Wyman.

NAYS.

Messrs. James Abbe,  
 Andrew Athy,  
 Michael Atkinson,  
 Daniel D. Bailey,  
 Cyrus F. Baker,  
 Wm. H. Bent,  
 John C. Bickford,  
 Stephen F. Blaney,

Messrs. Frederick L. Bosworth,  
 Sylvester W. Bowen,  
 Charles M. Brown,  
 James H. Carleton,  
 Augustine P. Cook,  
 Ben. C. Currier,  
 Francis C. Curtis,  
 William D. Curtis,



Messrs. Benj. F. Davis,  
C. W. Duggan,  
Edwin Ellis,  
James E. Estabrook,  
John B. Fairbanks,  
Luther Fisk,  
Joseph Fobes,  
Charles L. Gardner,  
Wm. M. Gaylord,  
Edward E. Gibbs,  
William A. Haskell,  
Nicholas Hatheway,  
Beriah T. Hillman,  
E. Everett Holbrook,  
Daniel P. Hopkinson,  
Frederick G. Howes,  
Philo Keith,  
William Keith,  
Joel Knapp,  
Wm. S. Knox,  
Daniel W. Lawrence,

Messrs. Daniel J. Lewis,  
Clement Meserve,  
Henry S. Miner,  
Geo. L. Newton,  
Alanson B. Pomeroy,  
Cyrus K. Russell,  
John S. Ryder,  
Edward Sanderson,  
Chas. B. Sanford,  
Charles L. Shaw,  
Abraham H. Smith,  
Albert Smith,  
E. F. Smith,  
Lafayette Stevens,  
Enoch H. Towne,  
Byron Truell,  
Albert J. Trull,  
Chas. R. Tucker, Jr.,  
Artemas S. Tyler,  
Edmond M. Vincent,  
George M. Warren.

Yeas, 95 ; nays, 58.

The bill was then referred under the rule to the next General Court.

*Motions to Reconsider.*

Peddlers.

Mr. Noble of Westfield moved to reconsider the vote whereby the House yesterday rejected the Senate Bill to amend chapter 50 of the General Statutes, relating to itinerant merchants or peddlers. The motion was negatived.

Militia equipments.

Mr. Thurston of Cambridge moved a reconsideration of the vote whereby the House yesterday rejected the Resolve for the purchase of equipments for use by the volunteer militia. The motion was negatived.

*Papers from the Senate.*

Contracts with certain public officers.

The report of the committee of conference, to whom was referred the matter of difference between the two branches on the Bill relating to contracts with certain public officers, was read and accepted in concurrence, under a suspension of the rule.

*Bill Enacted.*

Bills enacted.

An engrossed Bill in addition to an Act for supplying the city of Fall River with pure water (which originated

in the House), was passed to be enacted, signed, and sent to the Senate.

**Engrossed resolves :**

*Resolves passed.*

In relation to the representation of Massachusetts at the Centennial Exhibition at Philadelphia ;

Providing for enlarged accommodations and classification of the inmates of the State Reform School at Westborough ;

To provide for certain expenses in connection with the centennial celebration of the 17th of June ;

Providing for the payment of certain repairs heretofore made on the State House ;

(Which severally originated in the House ;)

Were severally passed to be enacted, signed, and sent to the Senate.

*Orders of the Day.*

**Bills :**

*Orders of the day.*

In relation to the payment of taxes by co-tenants ; and

To incorporate the Worcester Protective Department ;

Were severally read and ordered to a third reading.

The Bill concerning the adoption of children was read, amended on motion of Messrs. Meserve of Hopkinton and Bowker and Hale of Boston, passed to be engrossed, and sent up for concurrence.

**Bills :**

To increase the number of associate justices of the superior court ; and

To enlarge the equity jurisdiction of the supreme judicial court ;

Were severally read and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

The Resolve to provide for certain expenditures at the state camp-ground at South Framingham was further considered and rejected.

On motion of Mr. Williams of Brookline, the orders of the day were laid on the table.

*Report of a Committee.*

By Mr. Williams of Brookline, from the committee on Railroads, on petition, a Bill to enable the Bay State Brick Co. to construct a railroad track across Riverside Avenue.

The bill was read, and objection being made to it by Mr. Lawrence of Medford, pending the question on its rejection, the House, at one o'clock,  
Adjourned.

#### AFTERNOON SESSION.

Bay State Brick  
Co.

The objection to the Bill to enable the Bay State Brick Company to construct a track across Riverside Avenue having been withdrawn by general consent, Mr. Williams of Boston, under suspension of the rule, moved that the bill be referred to the next General Court, which motion was carried.

#### *Motions to Reconsider.*

Lake Cochitu-  
ate.

Mr. Ropes of Boston moved a suspension of the 68th and 69th rules of the House, that a motion might be made to reconsider a second time the vote whereby the House, on the 13th of May, inst., referred to the next General Court the Senate Bill to provide for the diversion of impurities from Lake Cochituate. The motion to suspend the rules, and the motion to reconsider the above-named vote, were carried.

Pending the recurring question of reference to the next General Court, the bill was amended, on motion of Mr. Hale of Boston, by striking out all except the eighth and eleventh sections. The question of reference to the next General Court was negatived, and the bill as amended was read a third time.

It was subsequently reported correctly drawn by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading, and passed to be engrossed in concurrence. The title was then amended, on motion of Mr. Long of Hingham, and the bill was sent up for concurrence in the amendments.

State camp-  
ground.

On motion of Mr. Haven of Framingham, the vote whereby the House this morning rejected the Resolve to provide for certain expenditures at the state camp-ground at South Framingham was reconsidered. Pending the recurring question of ordering the resolve to a third reading, it was, on motion of Mr. Kimball of Boston, placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

#### *Bills Enacted.*

Bills enacted.

Engrossed bills :

In relation to the filing of petitions before county commissioners ; and

Confirming a vote of the town of Westborough, passed November 4, 1856 ;

(Which severally originated in the Senate ;)

Were passed to be enacted, signed, and sent to the Senate.

### *Reports of Committees.*

By Mr. Noble of Truro, from the committee on the Ancient records. Library, on an Order, recommending that the revolutionary and other ancient records of the Commonwealth be repaired, so far as is necessary, by the Secretary of the Commonwealth, but that no appropriation of money be made therefor. Read, accepted under suspension of the rules, and sent up for concurrence.

By Mr. Mahony of Boston, from the committee on Taxation. Printing, that the Order relative to printing thirteen hundred extra copies of the report of the Commissioners on Taxation and Exemption therefrom ought not to be adopted. The report was read, accepted under suspension of the rules, and the order rejected.

### *Orders.*

The order offered this morning by Mr. Codman of Boston, relative to rescinding the 20th joint rule, was withdrawn by general consent. Twentieth joint rule.

The Order offered by Mr. Bowker of Boston, and laid over, was amended, on motions of Messrs. Hill of Boston and Blaney of Peabody, and as amended was adopted, as follows :—

*Ordered*, That the joint special committee to make ar- June 17.rangements for the reception of the President and other distinguished guests on the 17th of June also make suitable arrangements for the attendance and entertainment of the members of the Legislature at the celebration on that day, and that the same be paid from the appropriation already made for the celebration of the 17th of June.

Sent up for concurrence.

### *Orders of the Day.*

Bills :

Relating to divorce ;

To dispose of the building and funds of Day's Academy in Wrentham ; and

To incorporate the Worcester Protective Department ;

Orders of the day.

Were severally read and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

The Bill to amend chapter 372 of the Acts of the year 1874, entitled "An Act to revise and consolidate the provisions of the General Statutes, and of subsequent general Acts relating to railroads," was read, amended on motion of Mr. Williams of Brookline, passed to be engrossed, and sent up for concurrence, the title having been amended by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to read "An Act to amend the General Railroad Act of 1874, so far as the same relates to railroad crossings."

The Bill in relation to the payment of taxes by co-tenants was read, passed to be engrossed, and sent up for concurrence.

The Resolve in relation to the Massachusetts school fund was read a second time, amended on motion of Mr. Hale of Boston, and under a suspension of the rules was read a third time, passed to be engrossed in concurrence, and sent up for concurrence in the amendment.

The Bill relating to the collection of taxes was read and rejected.

The Bill to authorize the division of the city of Boston into thirty-six wards, and to fix the number of members of the common council and school committee, was read and considered. Pending amendments recommended by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading, and moved by Messrs. Hughes and Hale of Boston, the House, at 5.30, Adjourned.

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WEDNESDAY, May 19, 1875.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer was offered by the Chaplain.

*Discharged from the Orders.*

State camp-ground.

On motion of Mr. Hill of Boston, the Resolve to provide for certain expenditures at the state camp-ground at South Framingham was discharged from the orders of the day and considered. Mr. Haven of Framingham moved to amend by substituting a Resolve to provide for fencing the state camp-ground at South Framingham. The proposed substitute was amended on motion of Messrs. Kimball of

Boston and Whitney of Attleborough, and, as amended, was adopted and ordered to a third reading, and under suspension of the rule was passed to be engrossed and sent up for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. Piérce of Milton, the Bill to authorize Boston—wards. the division of the city of Boston into thirty-six wards, and to fix the number of members of the common council, was discharged from the orders of the day. Amendments recommended by the committee on Bills in Third Reading, and moved by Mr. Hale of Boston, were severally adopted, and the bill as amended was passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

Subsequently, on motion of Mr. Bowker of Boston, the engrossment of the bill was reconsidered. The vote whereby an amendment in the first section, moved by Mr. Hale of Boston, was adopted, was reconsidered, on motion of Mr. Codman of Boston, and the amendment was rejected. Further amendments, moved by Messrs. Bowker and Codman, were adopted, the bill was again passed to be engrossed in concurrence, and sent up for concurrence in the amendments.

#### *Reports of Committees.*

The committee on the Pay Roll, who were instructed by an Order to make up the pay-roll of the members of the House, reported the following order, with an accompanying schedule :—

*Ordered,* That there be allowed and paid out of the Pay-roll. treasury, to the members of the House of Representatives, the sums set against their names in the accompanying schedule, amounting to one hundred and eighty-one thousand three hundred forty-three dollars and sixty cents, for attendance at the present session of the General Court. Read, accepted under suspension of the rule, and sent up for concurrence.

By Mr. Heywood of Concord, from the committee on Costs in civil actions. the Judiciary, that the Senate Bill in relation to costs to be taxed in civil actions settled before entry of the same in court ought not to pass. Under a suspension of the rule, the bill was rejected.

#### *Order.*

The following order, offered by Mr. Moseley of Boston, was laid over until this afternoon :—

B. &amp; A. R. R.

*Ordered*, That the verbatim report of the investigation of the Boston and Albany Railroad, held by the joint committee on Railroads, be printed for the use of the members of the Legislature.

*Motion to Reconsider.*

Lake Cochituate.

Mr. Fairbanks of Natick moved a reconsideration of the vote by which the House yesterday passed to be engrossed the Bill to preserve the purity of the waters of Lake Cochituate. The motion was carried, and pending the recurring question of engrossment, the bill was amended on motion of the same gentleman, and as amended was passed to be engrossed in concurrence, and sent up for concurrence in the amendments.

*Bills Enacted.*

Bills enacted.

Engrossed bills :

Relating to contracts with certain public officers ;

In addition to an Act authorizing the First Parish in Newbury to sell real estate ;

In relation to the Commonwealth flats near South Boston ;

Relating to the probate office of the county of Suffolk ;

In addition to an Act making appropriations to meet certain expenditures authorized the present year, and for other purposes ;

To amend chapter 224 of the Acts of the year 1870, concerning manufacturing and other corporations ;

To amend an Act to authorize the commissioners on Public Lands to release a certain parcel of land in East Boston ;

(Which severally originated in the House ;) and

Relating to divorce ;

To dispose of the building, land and funds of Day's Academy in Wrentham ;

To increase the number of associate justices of the superior court ;

To enlarge the equity jurisdiction of the supreme judicial court ;

(Which severally originated in the Senate ;) )

Were passed to be enacted, signed, and sent to the Senate.

Resolves passed.

Engrossed resolves :

In relation to the Massachusetts school fund ;

(Which originated in the Senate;)

Providing for certain repairs and improvements upon the State House;

(Which originated in the House;)

Were severally passed, signed, and sent to the Senate.

*Papers from the Senate.*

The report of the committee on Public Charitable Institutions (see Senate, No. 173), inexpedient to legislate, at the present time, on an Order relative to the abolition of the Board of State Charities, was read and accepted in concurrence, under a suspension of the rule.

Board of State Charities.

Notice was received from the Senate of the rejection by that branch of the House resolves relating to the Boston and Albany Railroad Corporation.

B. & A. R. R. Co.

The Bill in addition to an Act making appropriations to meet certain expenditures the present year, and for other purposes, came down passed to be engrossed in concurrence by the Senate, with an amendment, in which the House concurred.

Appropriation bill.

A Resolve (on leave) in favor of Patrick Houghton, Jr., and others, company commanders of the ninth regiment, M. V. M., passed to be engrossed by the Senate, was read. Under a suspension of the rules, it was read a second time, and on motion of Mr. Sanborn of Boston was indefinitely postponed.

Ninth regiment.

A Bill to amend the General Railroad Act of 1874, so far as the same relates to railroad crossings, came down passed to be engrossed by the Senate, with amendments, in which the House concurred.

Railroad crossings.

A Resolve providing for certain repairs and improvements upon the State House, passed to be engrossed by the Senate, was read, and, under a suspension of the rule, took its several readings, and was passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

Repairs of State House.

A Bill to incorporate the New England Brewing Company, passed to be engrossed by the Senate, was read, and the rule being suspended requiring its reference to a committee, objection was made to the bill by Mr. Tompkins of Boston, and pending the question on its rejection, the House

N. E. Brewing Co.

Adjourned.



## AFTERNOON SESSION.

N. E. Brewing  
Co.

The Bill to incorporate the New England Brewing Company was further considered and rejected.

Subsequently, Mr. Fitz Gerald moved to reconsider the rejection of the bill, which motion was negatived.

*Papers from the Senate.*

Manuals.

*Ordered,* In concurrence, that the Clerks of the two branches cause to be prepared and printed, before the meeting of the next General Court, 2,500 copies of so much of the legislative manual as may be deemed practicable, on the general plan of that of the present session.

Lake Cochitu-  
ate.

The Bill to preserve the purity of the waters of Lake Cochituate came down passed to be engrossed by the Senate, with an amendment, in which the House concurred.

Seventeenth of  
June.

The House Order relative to the attendance of the members of the legislature at the celebration of the 17th of June came down adopted by the Senate, with an amendment, striking out the words, "and entertainment," in which the House concurred.

*Reports of Committees.*Seventeenth of  
June.

By Mr. Phillips of Salem, from the committee on the reception of the President and other guests on the 17th of June, on orders referred to them, a Resolve relative to the centennial celebration of the 17th of June of the present year.

Militia.

By Mr. King of Boston, from the committee on Military Affairs, a Bill to amend chapter 320 of the Acts of the year 1874, concerning the Massachusetts volunteer militia.

Under a suspension of the rules, the resolve and bill took their several readings, were passed to be engrossed, and sent up for concurrence.

Mr. Hale of Boston subsequently moved to reconsider the bill; but the motion was negatived.

*Orders.*B. & A. R. R.  
Co.

The order offered by Mr. Moseley of Boston, and laid over, relative to the report of the investigation of the Boston and Albany Railroad Corporation, was rejected.

The following order, offered by Mr. Pope of Boston, was referred to the next General Court, the House refusing to suspend the rule concerning new business :—

*Ordered*, That the Insurance Commissioner be directed to prepare an index of the special report made by him, being House Document, No. 10, and that 2,500 copies of said report, with the index, be printed. Insurance Commissioner.

### *Bills Enacted.*

Engrossed bills :

*Bills enacted.*

To amend chapter 372 of the Acts of the year 1874, entitled, "An Act to revise and consolidate the provisions of the General Statutes, and of subsequent general Acts relating to railroads";

In relation to the payment of taxes by co-tenants ;

(Which severally originated in the House ;)

To incorporate the Worcester Protective Department ;

To preserve the purity of the water of Lake Cochituate ;

(Which severally originated in the Senate ;)

Were severally passed to be enacted, signed, and sent to the Senate.

Engrossed resolves :

*Resolves passed*

To provide for fencing the state camp-ground at South Framingham ;

(Which originated in the House ;) and

Providing for certain repairs and improvements upon the State House ;

(Which originated in the Senate ;)

Were severally passed, signed, and sent to the Senate.

### *Introduced on Leave.*

By Mr. Curtis of Marlborough, under a suspension of the rule, a Resolve for obtaining information with reference to the cost of municipal water-works. Municipal water-works.

By Mr. Morse of Boston, under suspension of the rule, a Resolve concerning parades in public with arms. Parades with arms.

Severally read three times, and passed to be engrossed under a suspension of the rules, the last-named having been amended on motion of Messrs. Kimball and Hale of Boston.

By Mr. May of Leicester, a Resolve authorizing and instructing the Board of State Charities to investigate the subject of lunacy. Lunacy.

Doorkeepers,  
etc.

By Mr. Knox of Lawrence, a Resolve providing for additional compensation to the doorkeepers, assistant doorkeepers, messengers and pages of the Senate and House of Representatives.

Severally read and referred to the next General Court, the House refusing in each case to suspend the rule. Subsequently, Mr. Whitney of Attleborough moved a reconsideration of the vote whereby the House refused to suspend the rule in the last-named case, which motion was negatived.

Mr. Codman of Boston being in the chair, Mr. Sanborn of Boston offered the following resolution :—

Thanks to the  
Speaker.

*Resolved*, That the thanks of the House are due, and are hereby cordially tendered, to the Hon. John E. Sanford, for the able, dignified and impartial manner in which he has performed the duties of the chair during the present session, to the entire satisfaction of the House, and to the great advantage of the public service.

After remarks by Messrs. Sanborn, Kimball, Tompkins and Stearns of Boston, Whitney of Attleborough, Long of Hingham, Copeland of Springfield, Gaylord of Northampton, Fuller of Boston, Bowman of Somerville, Baker of Beverly, Stone of Northampton, Noble of Truro, Noble of Westfield, Hillman of Chilmark, May of Leicester, Rice of Worcester, Allen of Duxbury, Flower of Agawam, Savery of Wareham, Ropes of Boston, and Blaney of Peabody, the resolutions were unanimously passed by a rising vote.

The Speaker resumed the chair, and spoke as follows :—

*Gentlemen of the House of Representatives :*

I am deeply sensible of your kindness in placing on record a tribute which does me so much honor. At this hour, which draws our session to a close, no words can give me a satisfaction so sincere and full as those which assure me of your approval.

It has been my good fortune, now, for five consecutive years, to serve in this assembly. The confidence of my own constituency, so often and generously bestowed, has commended me to the wider confidence of the representatives of the people; and, during four of these years, the choice of my fellow-members has assigned to me the duties and honors of the chair. For more than a generation past,

no one of those who have preceded me in this position has held it for a longer time. It is fitting, therefore, that with the hour that dissolves my relation to you I take my leave of the Speaker's chair.

I cannot go from this hall without a hearty avowal of the respect for the Massachusetts House of Representatives, which every year of observation has strengthened and confirmed. In the earliest period of our colonial history, the Representative Assembly sprung into existence, though without warrant in the charter, as an essential feature of a government by the people. It played a conspicuous part through all the controversy between king and freemen which preceded the final appeal to arms. As the Provincial Congress, it was the first independent legislative body that met in Massachusetts, or America.

The patriotic and eminent men whose names have adorned the roll of its membership, and the fidelity with which it has reflected the ideas and maintained the rights of a free people, have given it a permanent place and power among our institutions. Standing, as the democratic part of our system, so near to the people, it does not challenge the popular reverence. It invites, rather, the free and sharp criticism with which peer judges peer, and the sovereign the servant. The highest tribute that can be paid to the House of Representatives is the public confidence, and that tribute it has never failed to win and to deserve.

The loyalty to the rules of order and decorum, the freedom from personal and political asperities, the form and manner of procedure and debate, which have made this a model deliberative assembly,—so far as I can learn without anywhere a superior,—have also made the position of its presiding officer one of peculiar privilege and honor. Whatever else in the fortunes of life I may forget, I shall hold in lasting memory the associations and ties which have been formed in this chamber. I cannot forget the indulgence and courtesy received from all, without distinction of party, over whom I have had the honor to preside, and from none more than from you whom I now address. However else I may have failed, I should have been unworthy of your trust, if I had not striven to act with justice and impartiality, or had been conscious of any other motive than the public good.

Our session, gentlemen, though longer than we had hoped, has been shorter by three weeks than the average

for the last ten years, and the shortest, with one exception, during that period. By the favor of a kind Providence, we all return to our homes. We shall separate, I am sure, with mutual kindness and regard. If any of us have erred in word or thought, it shall be forgotten here and now.

To our accomplished Clerk, whose courtesy and skill have left nothing to be desired in a recording officer; to the reverend Chaplain, for the appropriate and acceptable manner in which he has discharged his sacred office; to the Sergeant-at-Arms, and all of his assistants, for their cheerful and assiduous attentions, I desire to return our common acknowledgments.

It only remains that I give to you, as I do most cordially, the greeting of farewell. I renew to you, one and all, my gratitude and thanks. I send with you, as you shall go to your homes, my heartfelt wishes for your prosperity and happiness.

Mr. Long of Hingham offered the following resolution, which was unanimously passed by a rising vote :—

Thanks to the  
Clerk.

*Resolved*, That the thanks of the House be extended to the Clerk for the eminently satisfactory manner in which he has discharged the duties of his office during the present session of the Legislature.

Mr. May of Leicester offered the following resolution, which was unanimously passed :—

Thanks to the  
Chaplain.

*Resolved*, That the House, appreciating the appropriate manner in which the Chaplain, the Rev. Robert G. Seymour, has conducted the religious services of the session, extend him their thanks, and their sincere sympathy in the bereavement he has recently sustained.

Mr. Hill of Boston offered the following resolution, which was unanimously passed :—

Thanks to the  
Sergeant-at-  
Arms.

*Resolved*, That the House extends its thanks to the Sergeant-at-Arms and his assistants for the courteous and faithful performance of their official duties during the present session of the Legislature.

On motion of Mr. Noble of Westfield, the House took a recess until 7 o'clock.

EVENING SESSION.

The House was called to order at 7 o'clock.

Recess.

*Papers from the Senate.*

The report of the committee on Prisons, on the condition of the several prisons and jails in the Commonwealth (Senate, No. 205), was read and accepted in concurrence under a suspension of the rules.

Prisons.

Notice was received from the Senate of the rejection by that branch of the House Resolve for obtaining information with reference to the cost of municipal water-works.

Municipal water-works.

*Report of a Committee.*

By Mr. Kimball of Boston, from the committee on Finance, on an order, a Bill in further addition to an Act making appropriations to meet certain expenditures authorized the present year, and for other purposes.

Appropriation bill.

Under a suspension of the rules, the bill took its several readings, was passed to be engrossed, and sent up for concurrence.

*Bills Enacted.*

Engrossed bills:

Bills enacted.

To reorganize the school committee of the city of Boston;

In further addition to an Act making appropriations to meet certain expenditures authorized the present year, and for other purposes;

To amend chapter 320 of the Acts of the year 1874, concerning the Massachusetts volunteer militia;

(Which severally originated in the House;)

To authorize the division of the city of Boston into twenty-four wards, and to fix the number of members of the city council;

(Which originated in the Senate;)

Were passed to be enacted, signed, and sent to the Senate.

On the question of enactment of the last-named bill, the yeas and nays were ordered, on motion of Mr. Hale of Boston, and the roll being called, it was passed to be enacted by a vote of 115 yeas to 37 nays, as follows:—

## YEAS.

<b>Messrs.</b> Samuel Allen,	<b>Messrs.</b> Isaac N. Keith,
Stephen M. Allen,	Philo Keith,
Amasa W. Bailey,	Ziba C. Keith,
Cyrus F. Baker,	Moses Kimball,
Theodore D. Beach,	William S. King,
John H. Bell,	Joel Knapp,
William H. Bent,	William S. Knox,
John C. Bickford,	Daniel W. Lawrence,
Stephen F. Blaney,	John B. Le Baron,
William E. Blunt,	Daniel J. Lewis,
Frederick L. Bosworth,	James L. Locke,
Selwyn Z. Bowman,	John D. Long,
Wilbur F. Brigham,	William Martin,
Isaac T. Burr,	Edward S. May,
James H. Carleton,	John J. McNutt,
William Chase,	William B. Merrill,
Isaiah Churchill,	Clement Meserve,
Charles R. Codman,	Henry S. Miner,
Frederick S. Coolidge,	W. Stanley Newhall,
Lowell Coolidge,	Edward W. Noble,
Alfred M. Copeland,	Isaac N. Nutter,
John A. Cummings,	Harrison D. Packard,
William D. Curtis,	Joseph F. Paul,
Epes Davis,	Charles M. Peirce, Jr.,
Lewis Day,	William E. Perkins,
Edwin Ellis,	Chas. H. Pew, 2d,
Samuel Flower,	Willard P. Phillips,
William Frost,	Edward L. Pierce,
Henry W. Fuller,	James Pierce,
James W. Gaylord,	Richard Pope,
William M. Gaylord,	Isaac Pratt, Jr.,
Levi L. Goodspeed,	Willard Putnam,
Elbridge H. Goss,	William W. Rice,
Thomas T. Griggs,	Joshua C. Robinson,
Dexter Grose,	John L. Robinson,
George Hall,	Wallace F. Robinson,
Solomon E. Hallett,	Charles A. Rogers,
William A. Haskell,	Joseph S. Ropes,
George Haven,	Nathaniel J. Rust,
Nathan M. Hawkes,	Edward Sanderson,
Samuel R. Heywood,	Cyrus Savage,
Joseph W. Hill,	John Savery,
Beriah T. Hillman,	Ebenezer Sawyer,
Amos B. Holden,	Nathaniel Seaver,
Daniel P. Hopkinson,	Charles L. Shaw,
Marius M. Hovey,	Frederick P. Shaw,
Frederick G. Howes,	Isaiah A. Small,
Henry L. James,	John L. Smith,
George W. Jones,	Edwin A. Spaulding,

<b>Messrs.</b> Richard H. Stearns, Lafayette Stevens, Isaac Stone, Daniel H. Thurston, Dexter A. Tompkins, Enoch H. Towne, Albert J. Trull, Edmond M. Vincent, George M. Warren,	<b>Messrs.</b> Austin C. Wellington, Joseph White, Wilbur F. Whitney, Moses Williams, Jr., William Winn, Nathan M. Wood, William Woods, Walter Wyman.
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## NAYS.

<b>Messrs.</b> Ebenezer Adams, Andrew Athy, Horace L. Bowker, Osgood Bradley, Jr., William E. Bridgman, Samuel R. Brintnall, Owen Coogan, Benjamin F. Davis, James W. Dwyer, John B. Fairbanks, Thomas F. Fitz Gerald, John D. Flynn, Edward E. Gibbs, Charles H. Greene, Charles Hale, William A. Hodges, William Keith, George T. Lincoln, Pliny T. Litchfield,	<b>Messrs.</b> James T. Mahony, John B. Martin, Samuel May, James A. McDonald, Reuben Noble, Daniel Noonan, Charles S. Osgood, Alanson B. Pomeroy, Edward B. Rankin, George W. Reed, Cyrus K. Russell, John Sanborn, George D. Smalley, Edward F. Smith, Daniel J. Sweeney, Samuel Talbot, Jr., Leonard A. Thayer, Charles R. Tucker, Jr.
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Yeas, 115 ; nays, 87.

Engrossed resolves :  
 Concerning parades in public with arms ;  
 Relative to the centennial celebration of the 17th of  
 June of the present year ;  
 (Which severally originated in the House ;)  
 Were passed, signed, and sent to the Senate.

Resolves passed.

*Introduced on Leave.*

By Mr. Hale of Boston, a Bill relating to the doorkeepers,  
 messengers and pages of the Senate and House of Repre-  
 sentatives. Read and referred, under the rule, to the next  
 General Court.

Doorkeepers,  
etc.

The Speaker and Mr. Plunkett of Pittsfield were sev-  
 erally excused, at their own request, from serving on the  
 committee on the celebration of the 17th of June, and

Seventeenth of  
June.



Messrs. Robinson of Boston and Wellington of Cambridge were appointed in their stead. Messrs. Towne of Worcester and Pope of Boston were also added to the committee, under the authority of the joint order on that subject.

*Prorogation.*

*Prorogation.*

*Ordered*, In concurrence, that a committee be appointed, to consist of three on the part of the Senate, with such as the House may join, to wait upon His Excellency the Governor, and inform him that the two branches of the Legislature have disposed of all the public business which has been brought before them, and to request him, with the advice and consent of the Council, to prorogue them to the Tuesday next preceding the first Wednesday of January next.

Messrs. Lane, Fuller and Lovering having been appointed on the part of the Senate, Messrs. Codman of Boston, Winn of Burlington, Stone of Northampton, Allen of Duxbury, May of Leicester, Sanborn of Boston, Keith of Greenfield, and Savery of Wareham, were joined on the part of the House.

Afterwards, Mr. Codman, from the committee, reported that they had waited upon His Excellency the Governor, and informed him of the action of the two branches, and that His Excellency was pleased to say that he had signed the Acts and Resolves which had been placed before him. He congratulated the two Houses on the happy termination of their labors. In conclusion, he stated that the Secretary of the Commonwealth would forthwith prorogue the two branches, in compliance with their request.

At 9.30, P. M., the Secretary of the Commonwealth appeared, and having stated that His Excellency the Governor had signed two hundred and forty-three Acts and seventy-eight Resolves, being all that had been placed before him, proceeded to say that he had been directed by the Governor, by the consent of the Council, and in accordance with the request of the two branches, to prorogue the General Court to the Tuesday next preceding the first Wednesday in January next. And the General Court was prorogued accordingly.

Attest :

GEORGE A. MARDEN,

*Clerk of the House of Representatives.*

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# APPENDIX.

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[No. 1.]

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ANNUAL REGISTER

OF THE

Executive and Legislative Departments

OF THE

GOVERNMENT OF MASSACHUSETTS,

1875.

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## EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT.

NAME AND OFFICE.	Residence.	Date of Birth.	Native Place.	Occupation.	First year in office.
William Gaston, <i>Governor</i> , . . . .	Boston, . .	Oct. 3, 1820,	Killingly, Ct., .	Lawyer, . .	1853.†
Horatio G. Knight, <i>Lieut. Governor</i> , . .	Easthampton, .	Mar. 24, 1817,	Easthampton, .	Manuf. & Merchant,	1852.†
Joseph K. Baker, <i>Councillor</i> , Dist. No. 1, .	Dennisport, .	Oct. 8, 1827,	Dennis, . .	Merchant, . .	1869.*
Seth Turner, " " 2, .	Randolph, .	July 29, 1821,	Randolph, .	Banker, . .	1865.†
Alden Leland, " " 3, .	Holliston, .	Nov. 30, 1809,	Andover, Vt., .	Boot & Shoe Manf.,	1838.†
Edward H. Dunn, " " 4, .	Boston, . .	1826,	Boston, . .	Merchant, . .	1875.
Robert Couch, " " 5, .	Newburyport, .	1817,	Newburyport, .	Master Mariner,	1872.†
George O. Brastow, " " 6, .	Somerville, .	Sept. 8, 1811,	Wrentham, .	Trader, . .	1849.†
George Whitney, " " 7, .	Royalston, .	21, 1817,	Royalston, .	Manufacturer,	1859.†
E. H. Brewster, " " 8, .	Worthington, .	Aug. 5, 1809,	Worthington,	Merchant, . .	1848.†
George H. Campbell, <i>Governor's Priv. Sec'y</i> , .	Boston, . .	Sept. 22, 1850,	Amherst, N. H.,	Lawyer, . .	1875.

*Heads of Departments—*

Oliver Warner, <i>Secretary</i> , . . . .	Northampton, .	Apr. 18, 1817,	Northampton, .	-	1858.
Charles Adams, Jr., <i>Treasurer</i> , . . . .	N. Brookfield, .	Jan. 31, 1810,	Antrim, N. H., .	-	1867.
Charles Endicott, <i>Auditor</i> , . . . .	Canton, . . .	Oct. 28, 1822,	Canton, . . .	Lawyer, . . .	1870.
Charles R. Train, <i>Attorney-General</i> , . . . .	Boston, . . .	18, 1817,	Framingham, .	Lawyer, . . .	1847.
James A. Cunningham, <i>Adjutant-General</i> , . . . .	Gloucester, .	Nov. 27, 1830,	Boston, . . .	Farmer, . . .	1866.

\* In House, 1860. In Senate, 1872. In Council, 1875. † In House, 1849. In Senate, 1854. In Council, 1874.

† House of Representatives.

\* In House, 1860. In Senate, 1872. In Council, 1875.

## LEGISLATIVE DEPARTMENT.

## SENATE.

GEORGE B. LORING, PRESIDENT.

Districts.	SENATORS.	Residence.	Date of Birth.	Native Place.	Occupation.	1st year in Leg.
<b>SUFFOLK COUNTY.</b>						
First District, . . .	Eustace C. Fitz, . .	Chelsea, . .	Feb. 5, 1838, . .	Haverhill, . .	Merchant, . .	1873.*
Second " . . .	Timothy J. Dacey, .	Boston, . .	Oct. 11, 1849, .	Boston, . .	Lawyer, . .	1874.*
Third " . . .	M. J. Flatley, . .	Boston, . .	- . .	Ireland, . .	Hotel-keeper, .	1875.
Fourth " . . .	Francis D. Stedman, .	Boston, . .	Feb. 10, 1801, .	Lancaster, . .	Insurance Agent, .	1866.*
Fifth " . . .	Jonathan A. Lane, .	Boston, . .	May 15, 1822, .	Bedford, . .	Dry Goods Merchant,	1863.*
Sixth " . . .	Hugh J. Toland, . .	Boston, . .	Sept. 1, 1844, .	Boston, . .	Jeweller, . .	1871.*
<b>ESSEX COUNTY.</b>						
First District, . . .	Thomas Ingalls, . .	Marblehead, . .	Oct. 1, 1824, . .	Marblehead, . .	Foreman in Shoe Manuf.,	1873.*
Second " . . .	George B. Loring, . .	Salem, . .	Nov. 8, 1817, .	North Andover, .	Farmer, . .	1866.*
Third " . . .	George L. Davis, . .	N. Andover, . .	June 17, 1816, .	Oxford, . .	Manufacturer, . .	1859.
Fourth " . . .	Zenas C. Wardwell, .	Groveland, . .	Nov. 28, 1832, .	Albany, Me., . .	Shoe Manufacturer, .	1870.*
Fifth " . . .	Charles Fitz, . .	Manchester, . .	July 6, 1806, . .	Gloucester, . .	Shipmaster, . .	1864.*
<b>MIDDLESEX COUNTY.</b>						
First District, . . .	Robert R. Wiley, . .	Charlestown, . .	Mar. 1, 1838, . .	Charlestown, . .	Mason, . .	1873.*
Second " . . .	Chris. E. Rymes, . .	Somerville, . .	Sept. 27, 1827, .	Portsmouth, N.H.,	Machinist, . .	1875.
Third " . . .	Ezra Parmenter, . .	Cambridge, . .	Mar. 20, 1828, .	Boston, . .	Physician, . .	1871.*
Fourth " . . .	Ezra D. Winslow, . .	Newton, . .	Sept. 6, 1839, .	Whitehall, N. Y.,	Clergyman, . .	1872.*
Fifth " . . .	Joseph A. Harwood, .	Littleton, . .	Mar. 26, 1827, .	Littleton, . .	Manuf. & Farmer, .	1875.

Sixth District, . . . .	Richard Britton, . .	Wakefield, . .	Aug. 26, 1888, . .	Ireland, . .	Manufacturer, . .	1878.*
Seventh " . . . .	Wm. E. Livingston, .	Lowell, . .	June 26, 1882, . .	Lowell, . .	Merchant, . .	1876.
WORCESTER COUNTY.						
First District, . . . .	George F. Verry, . .	Worcester, . .	July 14, 1826, . .	Mendon, . .	Lawyer, . .	1874.
Second " . . . .	Jeremiah Gatchell, .	Blackstone, . .	13, 1884, . .	Woonsocket, R.I., .	Manufacturer, . .	1874.
Third " . . . .	Washington Tufts, . .	Brookfield, . .	- . .	New Braintree, . .	Railroad Agent, . .	1875.
Fourth " . . . .	Moses O. Ayres, . .	Oakham, . .	July 21, 1826, . .	New Braintree, . .	Manufacturer, . .	1861.*
Fifth " . . . .	Chas. H. B. Snow, . .	Fitchburg, . .	Aug. 7, 1822, . .	Fitchburg, . .	Lawyer, . .	1875.
HAMPTEN COUNTY.						
First District, . . . .	Henry S. Hyde, . .	Springfield, . .	Aug. 18, 1887, . .	Mt. Hope, N. Y., .	Banker & Manuf., .	1875.
Second " . . . .	Henry Fuller, . .	Westfield, . .	July 17, 1825, . .	Tolland, . .	Lawyer, . .	1864.*
BERKSHIRE AND HAMPSHIRE COUNTIES.						
Hampshire District, . .	Francis Edson, . .	Hadley, . .	June 17, 1823, . .	Hadley, . .	Broom Manuf'r, . .	1870.*
Berksh. and Hamps. Dist.,	Lysander J. Orcutt, .	Cummington, . .	Jan. 2, 1826, . .	Cummington, . .	Wool Dealer and Farmer,	1874.*
Berkshire District, . .	Wm. H. Phillips, . .	Pittsfield, . .	Nov. 16, 1830, . .	Lanesborough, . .	Editor and Publ'r, .	1875.
FRANKLIN COUNTY.						
Franklin District, . .	Andrew J. Clark, . .	Orange, . .	Oct. 9, 1835, . .	Rutland, . .	Manufacturer, . .	1864.*
NORFOLK AND PLYMOUTH COUNTIES.						
First Norfolk District, .	Albert Palmer, . .	Boston, . .	Jan. 17, 1881, . .	Candia, N. H., . .	Ice, . .	1872.*
Second " . . . .	Henry Smith, . .	Boston, . .	July 16, 1827, . .	Shrewsbury, Vt., .	Banker, . .	1857.*
Third " . . . .	J. White Belcher, . .	Randolph, . .	Nov. 14, 1823, . .	Randolph, . .	Grain Dealer, . .	1855.*
Norfolk and Plym. Dist.,	E. Atherton Hunt, . .	Weymouth, . .	Jan. 2, 1826, . .	Weymouth, . .	Manufacturer, . .	1873.*
First Plymouth District, .	Tisdale S. White, . .	Plymouth, . .	Nov. 7, 1809, . .	Norton, . .	Manufacturer, . .	1856.*
Second " . . . .	Henry W. Robinson, .	Brockton, . .	Oct. 9, 1819, . .	Stow, . .	Merchant, . .	1875.

\* House of Representatives.



DISTRICTS.	SENATORS.	Residence.	Date of Birth.	Native Place.	Occupation.	1st year in Leg.
BRISTOL COUNTY.						
First District, . . .	Wm. C Lovering, . .	Taunton, . .	Feb. 25, 1835, . .	Woonsocket, R.I., .	Cotton Manufact'r, .	1874.
Second " . . .	John A. Hawes, . .	Fairhaven, . .	Sept. 27, 1828, . .	Fairhaven, . .	— . .	1870.
Third " . . .	Jonathan Jones, . .	Berkley, . .	May 25, 1812, . .	Dighton, . .	Tradesman and Farmer, .	1875.
BARNSTABLE, NANTUCKET AND DUKES COUNTIES.						
Cape District, . . .	Thomas N. Stone, . .	Wellfleet, . .	May 30, 1818, . .	Wellfleet, . .	Physician, . .	1873.*
Island " . . .	Ezra C. Howard, . .	N. Sandwich, . .	Sept. 1, 1831, . .	Sandwich, . .	Iron Founder, . .	1871.*

\* House of Representatives.

## OFFICERS OF THE SENATE.

NAME AND OFFICE.	Residence.	Date of Birth.	Native Place.	1st year in Leg.
Stephen N. Gifford, <i>Clerk</i> , . . . . .	Duxbury, . .	July 21, 1815, . .	Pembroke, . .	1858.
George F. Warren, <i>Chaplain</i> , . . . . .	Lowell, . .	— . .	— . .	1875.
O. F. Mitchell, <i>Sergeant-at-Arms</i> (to both branches), . . . . .	Bridgewater, . .	— . .	— . .	1875.

# HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

JOHN E. SANFORD, SPEAKER.

District.	Name of Representative.	Residence.	Date of Birth.	Native Place.	Occupation.	1st year in Leg.
<b>SUFFOLK COUNTY.</b>						
No. 1, . . . . .	Nathaniel Seaver, . . . . .	East Boston, . . . . .	Dec. 14, 1807, . . . . .	Jamaica Plain, . . . . .	Grocer, . . . . .	1840.
	Dexter A. Tompkins, . . . . .	" " " " " " " "	Aug. 31, 1827, . . . . .	Boston, . . . . .	Music Teacher, . . . . .	1868.
	Daniel J. Sweeney, . . . . .	" " " " " " " "	Dec. 25, 1834, . . . . .	Boston, . . . . .	Printer, . . . . .	1864.
2, . . . . .	Patrick Collins, . . . . .	Boston, . . . . .	Mar. 8, 1830, . . . . .	Ireland, . . . . .	Grocer, . . . . .	1874.
	Michael Carney, . . . . .	" " " " " " " "	Nov. 12, 1827, . . . . .	Ireland, . . . . .	Trader, . . . . .	1869.
	Neil Doherty, . . . . .	" " " " " " " "	Mar. 15, 1838, . . . . .	Ireland, . . . . .	Grocer, . . . . .	1875.
3, . . . . .	Geo. P. Kingsley, . . . . .	" " " " " " " "	4, 1840, . . . . .	Boston, . . . . .	Clerk, . . . . .	1874.
	Nathaniel J. Rust, . . . . .	" " " " " " " "	Nov. 28, 1833, . . . . .	Gorham, Me., . . . . .	Wholesale Druggist, . . . . .	1874.
	James L. Locke, . . . . .	" " " " " " " "	May 14, 1832, . . . . .	Epsom, N. H., . . . . .	Restaurant Keeper, . . . . .	1868.
4, . . . . .	Charles Hale, . . . . .	" " " " " " " "	June 7, 1831, . . . . .	Boston, . . . . .	Lawyer, . . . . .	1856.
	Samuel Talbot, Jr., . . . . .	" " " " " " " "	Jan. 12, 1822, . . . . .	Plymouth, . . . . .	Provision Dealer, . . . . .	1875.
	John H. Woodbury, . . . . .	" " " " " " " "	Aug. 8, 1832, . . . . .	Weare, N. H., . . . . .	Physician, . . . . .	1875.
5, . . . . .	Edward B. Rankin, . . . . .	" " " " " " " "	Dec. 23, 1846, . . . . .	Ireland, . . . . .	Journalist, . . . . .	1872.
	Francis M. Hughes, . . . . .	" " " " " " " "	Aug. 22, 1845, . . . . .	Boston, . . . . .	Trader, . . . . .	1874.
	Horace L. Bowker, . . . . .	" " " " " " " "	Nov. 22, 1829, . . . . .	Phillipston, . . . . .	Chemist, . . . . .	1873.
6, . . . . .	Charles R. Codman, . . . . .	" " " " " " " "	Oct. 28, 1829, . . . . .	Boston, . . . . .	Counsellor, . . . . .	1864.*
	William E. Perkins, . . . . .	" " " " " " " "	Mar. 23, 1838, . . . . .	Boston, . . . . .	Lawyer, . . . . .	1874.
	John T. Morse, Jr., . . . . .	" " " " " " " "	Jan. 9, 1840, . . . . .	Boston, . . . . .	Lawyer, . . . . .	1875.
7, . . . . .	Thos. F. Fitz Gerald, . . . . .	South Boston, . . . . .	Dec. 20, 1848, . . . . .	Ireland, . . . . .	Clerk, . . . . .	1873.
	John B. Martin, . . . . .	" " " " " " " "	Mar. 1, 1848, . . . . .	Boston, . . . . .	Merchant, . . . . .	1875.
	James T. Mahony, . . . . .	" " " " " " " "	Mar. 1, 1843, . . . . .	Ireland, . . . . .	Harness Maker, . . . . .	1875.

\* Senate.

## APPENDIX.

Districts.	Name of Representative.	Residence.	Date of Birth.	Native Place.	Occupation.	1st year in Leg.
<b>SUFFOLK Co.—Con.</b>						
No. 8.	Amasa W. Bailey,	Boston, .	Dec. 10, 1820,	Boston, .	Billiard Table Man'f.,	1870.
	Daniel Noonan,	"	Feb. 7, 1834,	Ireland, .	Printer, .	1875.
	William Woods,	"	Sept. 18, 1840,	Boston, .	Physician, .	1875.
9.	Moses Kimball,	"	Oct. 24, 1809,	Newburyport,	—	1850.
	William Frost,	"	Jan. 4, 1822,	Limington, Me.,	Truckman & For. Agt.	1873.
10.	John J. McNutt,	"	Sept. 29, 1822,	Truro, N. S.,	Builder, .	1874.
	Joseph F. Paul,	"	Jan. 22, 1823,	York, Me., .	Builder, Manuf., etc.,	1857.
	Richard H. Stearns,	"	Dec. 25, 1824,	Ashburnham,	Merchant, .	1874.
11.	William B. Merrill,	"	Aug. 15, 1827,	Barre, Vt., .	Merchant, .	1875.
	Wallace F. Robinson,	"	Dec. 22, 1832,	Reading, Vt.,	Merchant, .	1875.
12.	Richard Pope, .	South Boston,	Feb. 28, 1843,	Boston, .	Insurance Agent,	1874.
	Thomas Johnson,	"	Dec. 6, 1824,	Boston, .	Grocer, .	1875.
	Isaac Stebbins,	Chelsea,	Oct. 3, 1817,	Stamford, Ct.,	Bank President,	1874.
13.	Charles A. Rogers,	"	June 7, 1836,	Boston, .	Crockery Importer,	1875.
	Henry T. Holmes,	"	May 28, 1829,	Boston, .	Wharfinger, .	1875.
<b>Essex County.</b>						
No. 1.	Charles M. Brown.	Salisbury,	Oct. 21, 1820,	Salisbury,	Manufacturer, .	1875.
	William Chase,	S. Amesbury,	Mar. 23, 1817,	Amesbury, .	Carriage Manufact'r.,	1875.
	William E. Blunt,	Haverhill,	Aug. 21, 1840,	Haverhill, .	Lawyer, .	1871.
2.	James H. Carleton,	Haverhill,	Mar. 9, 1818,	Haverhill, .	Treas. Aqueduct Co.,	1874.
	Benj. F. Leighton,	Haverhill,	Dec. 25, 1820,	Danvers, .	Shoe Manufacturer,	1875.
	William S. Knox,	Lawrence,	Sept. 10, 1843,	Killingly, Conn.,	Lawyer, .	1874.
3.	Byron Truell, .	Lawrence,	Nov. 28, 1834,	St. Johnsbury, Vt.,	Merchant, .	1875.
	Ebenezer Sawyer,	Methuen,	Mar. 4, 1809,	Ipswich, .	Trader, .	1875.
4.	John L. Smith,	Andover,	Jan. 7, 1837,	Scotland, .	Merchant, .	1875.

No. 5,	Dan'l P. Hopkinson,	Groveland,	May 26, 1835,	Groveland,	Shoe Manufacturer,	1875.
6,	Ben C. Currier,	Newburyport,	Oct. 29, 1822,	Boston,	Merchant,	1873.
7,	Michael Atkinson,	"	Dec. 13, 1813,	Newburyport,	Manufacturer,	1875.
8,	Daniel D. Bailey,	Newbury,	June 20, 1834,	Newbury,	Merchant,	1875.
9,	John H. Blake,	Ipswich,	Feb. 22, 1831,	Ipswich,	Mechanic,	1875.
10,	John J. Babson,	Gloucester,	June 15, 1809,	Gloucester,	—	1859.
11,	Charles H. Pew, 2d,	"	Aug. 23, 1842,	Gloucester,	Manufacturer	1875.
12,	Epes Davis,	"	Oct. 22, 1799,	Gloucester,	"	1875.
13,	Henry Dennis, Jr.,	Rockport,	May 24, 1827,	Rockport,	"	1875.
14,	John I. Baker,	Beverly,	Aug. 16, 1812,	Beverly,	Real Estate Dealer,	1840.
15,	John H. Woodbury,	"	May 6, 1840,	Beverly,	Shoe Manufacturer,	1875.
16,	John L. Robinson,	Wenham,	Jan. 3, 1835,	Pembroke, N. H.,	Physician,	1875.
17,	Stephen F. Blaney,	Peabody,	July 24, 1844,	Peabody,	Wool Dealer,	1874.
18,	Willard P. Phillips,	Salem,	Sept. 7, 1825,	Salem,	Merchant,	1848.
19,	Charles S. Osgood,	"	Mar. 13, 1839,	Salem,	Lawyer,	1874.
20,	John H. Bell,	"	1829,	Salem,	Carpenter,	1874.
	William A. Haskell,	Marblehead,	Aug. 21, 1826,	Marblehead,	Shoe Finisher,	1875.
	William B. Howard,	"	June 20, 1836,	Berwick, Me.,	Shoemaker,	1875.
	Edward J. Johnson,	Nahant,	Oct. 8, 1832,	Nahant,	Conveyancer,	1874.
	Nathan M. Hawkes,	Lynn,	Nov. 1, 1843,	Lynnfield,	Lawyer,	1875.
	John C. Stimpson,	Swampscott,	15, 1813,	Boston,	Fisherman,	1864.
	W. Stanley Newhall,	Lynn,	12, 1831,	Saugus,	Lumber Trade,	1874.
	Salmon D. Hood,	Topsfield,	Feb. 17, 1830,	Topsfield,	Auctioneer,	1874.
MIDDLESEX Co.						
No. 1,	James A. McDonald,	Boston,	May 2, 1842,	Charlottetown, P.E.I.,	Physician and Surg,	1875.
2,	John D. Flynn,	"	1842,	Ireland,	Cutter,	1875.
3,	John Sanborn,	"	Mar. 2, 1799,	Sandwich, N. H.,	Wharfinger, etc,	1843.
	Joseph W. Hill,	"	June 27, 1837,	Scituate,	Builder,	1874.
	Samuel R. Brintnall,	"	Jan. 8, 1820,	Charlestown,	Paper Hanger, etc,	1875.

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<b>MIDDLESEX Co -Con.</b>						
No. 4.	James Pierce.	Malden.	Jan. 20, 1837.	Medford.	Leather Manufactu'r.	1866.
.	Selwin Z Bowman.	Somerville.	May 11, 1840.	Charlestown.	Lawyer.	1870.
5.	John A. Cummings.	"	Jan. 16, 1838.	Nelson, N. H.	Printer.	1874.
6.	Dan'l W. Lawrence.	Medford.	Oct. 8, 1830.	Boston.	Merchant.	1875.
7.	Abraham B. Coffin.	Winchester.	Mar. 31, 1831.	Gilead, Me.,	Lawyer.	1875.
.	Levi L. Cushing, Jr.,	Cambridge.	Oct. 17, 1825.	Boston.	Assessor.	1874.
.	Daniel H. Thurston.	"	Jan. 24, 1813.	Norway, Me.,	Manufacturer.	1874.
8.	A. C. Wellington.	Cambridgept.	July 17, 1840.	Lexington.	Coal Dealer.	1875.
.	Edward Kendall.	Cambridge.	Dec. 3, 1822.	Holden.	Manufacturer.	1875.
9.	J. W. Coveney.	E. Cambridge.	June 29, 1840.	East Cambridge.	Ins. & Real Est. Ag't.	1874.
.	Isaac Pratt, Jr.,	Allston.	June 29, 1814.	Middleborough.	Merchant and Manu'r.	1875.
10.	Isaac T. Burr.	Newton.	Aug. 15, 1828.	Leicester.	Bank President.	1875.
11.	Franklin G. Morris.	Watertown.	Nov. 19, 1841.	East Salisbury.	Clergyman.	1875.
12.	William E. Bright.	Waltham.	Sept. 26, 1831.	Mobile, Ala.,	Carpet Dealer.	1875.
13.	John B. Fairbanks.	Natick.	May 27, 1822.	Medfield.	Merchant.	1874.
14.	Lowell Coolidge.	Sherborn.	Oct. 10, 1819.	Sherborn.	Shoe Manufacturer.	1875.
15.	Clement Meserve.	Hopkinton.	June 7, 1822.	Jackson, N. H.,	Lawyer.	1875.
16.	George Haven.	Frammingham.	2, 1809.	Frammingham.	-	1875.
17.	Francis C. Curtis.	Marlborough.	Mar. 13, 1836.	Dudley.	Provision Dealer.	1874.
18.	Wilbur F. Brigham.	Hudson.	Apr. 9, 1839.	Marlborough.	Shoe Manufacturer.	1875.
19.	William H. Bent.	Wayland.	Mar. 1, 1840.	Wayland.	Shoe Manufacturer.	1875.
20.	George Heywood.	Concord.	May 24, 1826.	Concord.	Lawyer.	1862.
21.	William Winn.	Burlington.	Apr. 8, 1809.	Burlington.	Farmer.	1860.
22.	Walter Wyman.	Woburn.	Apr. 16, 1806.	Woburn.	Farmer.	1872.
.	John Best.	Stoneham.	Jan. 17, 1836.	Boston.	Shoe Cutter.	1875.
23.	Elbridge H. Goss.	Melrose.	Dec. 22, 1830.	"	Book-keeper.	1874.

No. 24,	Augustine P. Cook,	N. Reading,	Aug. 2, 1843,	North Reading,	Cabinet-maker,	1875.
25,	Albert J. Trull,	Tewksbury,	Oct. 20, 1845,	Tewksbury,	Farmer,	1875.
26,	Artemas S. Tyler,	Lowell,	Nov. 2, 1824,	Chelmsford,	Savings Bank Treas.,	1874.
27,	Chas. A. F. Swan,	"	Aug. 27, 1830,	Peterborough, N. H.,	Attorney-at-Law,	1875.
28,	James E. Hill,	"	6, 1838,	Lowell,	Carpenter,	1874.
29,	Joel Knapp,	"	June 16, 1835,	Freeman, Me.,	Contractor,	1875.
30,	Cyrus K. Russell,	"	1815,	New Ipswich, N. H.,	Grocer,	1875.
31,	Gayton M. Hall,	Dracut,	Mar. 29, 1835,	Dracut,	Farmer,	1874.
32,	E. C. Willard,	Ayer,	1821,	Harvard,	Trader,	1875.
	Edwin A. Spaulding,	Townsend,	Sept. 13, 1832,	Shirley,	Milling, etc.,	1875.
WORCESTER Co.						
No. 1,	Wilbur F. Whitney,	Ashburnham,	Dec. 9, 1839,	Westminster,	Chair Manufacturer,	1875.
2,	Edwin Ellis,	Athol,	1823,	Orange,	Manufacturer,	1875.
3,	Edward Sanderson,	Templeton,	Jan. 20, 1829,	Waterford, Me.,	Contractor, etc.,	1875.
4,	Henry S. Miner,	Phillipston,	Feb. 9, 1820,	Dover, Vt.,	Farmer,	1875.
5,	Albert E. Rice,	Barre,	Jan. 22, 1845,	Barre,	Boot and Shoe Manf.,	1875.
	George Hall,	Leominster,	1, 1831,	Mason, N. H.,	Manufacturer,	1875.
	Amos B. Holden,	Westminster,	July 11, 1838,	Barre,	Mechanic, etc.,	1875.
6,	Frederic S. Coolidge,	"	Dec. 7, 1841,	Westminster,	Manufacturer,	1875.
7,	Jona. C. Richmond,	Harvard,	Nov. 7, 1821,	Monson,	Brick Manufacturer,	1875.
8,	John C. Bickford,	Berlin,	Apr. 17, 1836,	Alton, N. H.,	Shoe Manufacturer,	1875.
9,	Moses B. Heywood,	Sterling,	May 6, 1827,	Fitzwilliam, N. H.,	Farmer & Lumber'n,	1875.
	Joseph Fobes,	Oakham,	1811,	Oakham,	Farmer,	1875.
10,	William W. Rice,	Worcester,	Mar. 7, 1826,	Deerfield,	Lawyer,	1875.
	Samuel R. Heywood,	"	Nov. 24, 1821,	Princeton,	Boot Manufacturer,	1875.
	Enoch H. Towne,	"	Apr. 14, 1835,	Easton,	Grocer,	1875.
	Andrew Athy,	"	Jan. 1, 1832,	Ireland,	Bootmaker,	1874.
11,	James E. Estabrook,	"	Oct. 29, 1829,	Worcester,	"	1874.
	Osgood Bradley, Jr.,	"	Dec. 25, 1836,	Worcester,	Car Manufacturer,	1875.

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<b>WORCESTER Co.—Cons.</b>						
No. 12, . . .	Thos. T. Griggs,	Grafton, . .	Jan. 31, 1818,	Sutton, . .	Physician, . .	1875.
13, . . .	Reuben Boynton,	Westborough,	Sept. 29, 1815,	Westborough,	Grocery & Provisions,	1865.
14, . . .	Cyrus F. Baker,	Whitinsville, .	Jan. 17, 1831,	Ludlow, Vt., .	Wood workman,	1875.
15, . . .	Albert Smith, .	Blackstone, .	Apr. 25, 1823,	Blackstone, .	Painter, . .	1874.
	Albert W. Gaskill,	Mendon, . .	Dec. 28, 1831,	Mendon, . .	Farmer, . .	1875.
	James Bergin, .	Millford, . .	Oct. 18, 1825,	Ireland, . .	Carpenter & Builder,	1876.
16, . . .	Marius M. Hovey,	Sutton, . .	Aug. 17, 1818,	Sutton, . .	Farmer, . .	1875.
	C. W. Duggan,	Millbury, . .	Dec. 13, 1844,	Worcester, . .	Retail Grocer, .	1875.
	Edward F. Smith,	Dudley, . .	Aug. 17, 1835,	Yorkshire, Eng.,	Wool Buyer, . .	1875.
17, . . .	Pliny T. Litchfield,	Southbridge, .	Nov. 16, 1827,	Millbury, . .	Shuttle Manufacturer,	1875.
18, . . .	Samuel May, . .	Leicester, . .	Apr. 11, 1810,	Boston, . .	Clergyman, . .	1875.
	Chas B Sanford,	W. Brookfield,	Dec. 4, 1817,	West Brookfield,	Farmer, . .	1875.
	George T. Lincoln,	Sturbridge, . .	1840,	Warren, . .	Apothecary, . .	1875.
<b>HAMPSHIRE Co.</b>						
No. 1, . . .	Isaac Stone, . .	Northampton,	June 12, 1822,	Pittsford, N. Y., .	Manufacturer, . .	1875.
2, . . .	Wm. M. Gaylord,	"	Sept. 28, 1821,	New Milford, Ct.,	Iron Manufacturer,	1875.
3, . . .	Lafayette Stevens,	Worthington, .	Nov. 30, 1824,	Worthington, .	Miller and Manuf'r,	1875.
4, . . .	Henry L. James,	Williamsburg,	Feb. 13, 1829,	"	Woolen Manufact'r.,	1875.
5, . . .	James W. Gaylord,	S. Hadley, . .	July 17, 1844,	"	Manufacturer, . .	1875.
6, . . .	Wm. E. Bridgman,	Belchertown, .	Oct. 17, 1836,	"	Merchant, . .	1875.
6, . . .	Benj. F. Davis,	Enfield, . .	Nov. 9, 1837,	Palmer, . .	Lumbering & Farm'g,	1875.
<b>HAMPDEN Co.</b>						
No. 1, . . .	Daniel G. Green,	Monson, . .	1819,	Wales, . .	Cattle Dealer, . .	1875.
2, . . .	Charles L. Gardner,	Palmer, . .	May 26, 1839,	Cumington,	Lawyer, . .	1875.

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No. 3.	Charles L. Shaw,	Springfield,	Jan. 28, 1828,	Rutland, Vt.,	Contractor & Builder,	1868.
4.	Theodore D. Beach,	"	Apr. 30, 1821,	Sandisfield,	Auctioneer,	1875.
5.	James Abbe,	"	June 1, 1822,	Enfield, Conn.,	Stove Dealer, etc.,	1875.
6.	Alfred M. Copeland,	Holyoke,	July 3, 1830,	Hartford, Conn.,	Lawyer,	1875.
7.	Jacob W. Davis,	Chicopee,	Feb. 13, 1824,	Halfmoon, N. Y.,	Ice Dealer, etc.,	1875.
8.	Simeon A. Jacobs,	Agawam,	Aug. 27, 1835,	Exeter, Me.,	Merchant,	1875.
9.	Samuel Flower,	W. Springfield,	July 6, 1816,	West Springfield,	Farmer,	1868.
	Emerson Geer,	Westfield,	Apr. 6, 1835,	Washington,	Merchant,	1875.
	Reuben Noble,	Russell,	Oct. 26, 1820,	Westfield,	Manufacturer,	1872.
	Edward E. Gibbs,		1836,	Blandford,	Merchant,	1875.
FRANKLIN COUNTY.						
No. 1.	Willard Putnam,	New Salem,	Sept. 6, 1838,	New Salem,	Farmer,	1875.
2.	Sylvester W. Bowen,	Wendell,	Mar. 25, 1838,	Hartwick,	Lumber Manufact'r.,	1875.
3.	William Keith,	Greenfield,	May 26, 1810,	Enfield,	Farmer,	1872.
4.	Charles H. Green,	Northfield,	Jan. 11, 1842,	Gardner,	Lumber Dealer,	1875.
5.	Frederick G. Howes,	Ashfield,	Nov. 28, 1832,	Ashfield,	Farmer,	1875.
	George W. Jones,	Deerfield,	Dec. 31, 1822,	Deerfield,	Farmer,	1874.
	Edmond M. Vincent,	Heath,	June 20, 1828,	Rowe,	Farmer,	1875.
BERKSHIRE CO.						
No. 1.	Joseph White,	Williamst'wn,	Nov. 18, 1811,	Charlemont,	Lawyer,	1857.
2.	James W. Dwyer,	North Adams,	June 22, 1845,	Ireland,	Railroad Contractor,	1875.
3.	William Martin,	"	Jan. 28, 1815,	Hill, N. H.,	Merchant,	1875.
4.	Thomas F. Plunkett,	Pittsfield,	Dec. 3, 1804,	Lenox,	Manufacturer,	1834.
5.	Owen Coogan,	"	Oct. 27, 1820,	Ballymena, Ireld,	Tanner and Currier,	1875.
6.	Alanson B. Pomeroy,	Washington,	Feb. 8, 1842,	Washington,	Farmer,	1875.
	William D. Curtis,	Lenox,	Dec. 22, 1843,	Lenox,	Hotel-keeper,	1875.
	Edward S. May,	Lee,	Oct. 9, 1809,	Putney, Vt.,	Paper Manufacturer,	1855.



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<b>BERKSHIRE Co.-Com.</b>						
No. 7, . . .	John M. Seeley, . .	Gt. Barrington, . .	Oct 19, 1813, . .	Gt. Barrington, . .	Cotton Manufacturer, . .	1854.
8, . . .	Henry M. Wilcox, . .	Sandisfield, . .	1844, . .	New Hartford, Ct., . .	Merchant, . .	1875.
<b>NORFOLK COUNTY.</b>						
No. 1, . . .		Norwood, . .	Apr. 14, 1835, . .	So. Dedham, . .	Leather Merchant, . .	1875.
2, . . .		Boston, . .	Feb. 6, 1818, . .	Boston, . .	Merchant, . .	1875.
3, . . .	Ebenezer Adams, . .	" . .	Oct. 6, 1818, . .	New York City, . .	- . .	1855.
4, . . .	Henry W. Fuller, . .	" . .	Dec. 1, 1830, . .	Norwich, Ct., . .	Mechanical Engineer, . .	1875.
5, . . .	Austin H. Connell, . .	" . .	June 30, 1839, . .	Hooksett, N. H., . .	Lawyer, . .	1875.
6, . . .	Fred'k P. Moseley, . .	" . .	Jan. 4, 1846, . .	Ireland, . .	Baker, . .	1874.
7, . . .	G. A. Churchill, . .	" . .	Sept. 20, 1826, . .	Boston, Dorchester Dist., . .	Iron Merchant, . .	1875.
8, . . .	Wm. A. Hodges, . .	" . .	May 26, 1839, . .	Boston, Dorchester Dist., . .	Printer, . .	1875.
9, . . .	C. N. Wallace, . .	Quincy, . .	Nov. 15, 1834, . .	Petersham, . .	Baker, . .	1875.
10, . . .	George L. Newton, . .	Braintree, . .	Oct. 6, 1844, . .	Braintree, . .	Clerk and Paymaster, . .	1875.
11, . . .	George W. Dyer, . .	N. Weymouth, . .	Oct. 24, 1841, . .	Braintree, . .	Mechanic, . .	1875.
12, . . .	E. Everett Holbrook, . .	E. Weymouth, . .	July 16, 1836, . .	Weymouth, . .	Confectioner, . .	1875.
13, . . .	Leonard A. Thayer, . .	Holbrook, . .	Apr. -, 1836, . .	East Randolph, . .	- . .	1875.
14, . . .	Edward L. Pierce, . .	Stoughton, . .	June 2, 1834, . .	Randolph, . .	Boot-cutter, . .	1875.
15, . . .	Samuel Allen, . .	Milton, . .	Mar. 29, 1829, . .	Stoughton, . .	Lawyer, . .	1875.
16, . . .	George M. Warren, . .	Walpole, . .	Apr. 8, 1825, . .	Walpole, . .	Manufacturer, . .	1875.
17, . . .	Wm. A. Thompson, . .	Wrentham, . .	- , 1832, . .	Wrentham, . .	Jeweller, . .	1875.
18, . . .	Joseph T. Massey, . .	Foxborough, . .	Sept. 10, 1810, . .	Easton, . .	Farmer, . .	1875.
19, . . .	Joseph H. Baker, . .	Bellingham, . .	June 4, 1808, . .	Virginia, . .	Clergyman, . .	1875.
20, . . .	Moses Williams, Jr., . .	Medfield, . .	Nov. 16, 1820, . .	Medfield, . .	Carriage Manufact'r, . .	1875.
21, . . .		Brookline, . .	Dec. 4, 1846, . .	West Roxbury, . .	Lawyer, . .	1874.

BRISTOL COUNTY.					Date.	Place.	Occupation.	Year.
No.	1.	2.	3.	4.				
1.	Felix G. Whitney,	N. Attleboro,	Dec. 9, 1818,	Attleborough,	1876.	Manufact'g Jeweller,		
2.	David E. Harding,	Mansfield,	May 6, 1826,	Mansfield,	1875.	—		
3.	Alpheus Fobes,	N. Easton,	Nov. 8, 1829,	Bridgewater,	1875.	Mechanic,		
4.	John E. Sanford,	Taunton,	Nov. 22, 1830,	Dennis,	1869.	Lawyer,		
5.	Cyrus Savage,	"	Mar. 13, 1836,	Boston,	1874.	Britannia Worker,		
6.	Fred'k L. Bosworth,	"	Feb. 27, 1820,	Ware,	1874.	Naller,		
7.	Thomas Rich,	Seekonk,	Nov. 30, 1811,	New Bedford,	1875.	Farmer,		
8.	Nathan M. Wood,	Swansea,	Feb. 27, 1820,	New Bedford,	1875.	Miller & Grain Dealer,		
9.	Southard H. Miller,	Fall River,	Nov. 30, 1811,	Swansea,	1852.	Contractor and Build.,		
10.	William Carroll,	"	May 13, 1838,	Ireland,	1875.	Grocer,		
11.	Nicholas Hatheway,	"	Sept. 4, 1824,	Freetown,	1875.	Lawyer,		
12.	Benj Gifford,	Westport,	July 11, 1824,	Westport,	1875.	Master Mariner,		
13.	Abraham H. Smith,	S. Dartmouth,	Dec. 20, 1839,	South Dartmouth,	1874.	Farmer,		
14.	Frederick P. Shaw,	New Bedford,	July 17, 1811,	New Bedford,	1875.	Merchant,		
15.	Chas. M. Peirce, Jr.,	"	July 26, 1823,	New Bedford,	1875.	Merchant,		
16.	Giles G. Barker,	"	Mar. 17, 1838,	Fall River,	1875.	Carriage Builder,		
17.	Chas R. Tucker, Jr.,	"	Aug. 19, 1844,	New Bedford,	1875.	Insurance Secretary,		
18.	Daniel J. Lewis,	Fairhaven,	Feb. 8, 1810,	Plymouth,	1855.	Shipwright,		
PLYMOUTH COUNTY.					Date.	Place.	Occupation.	Year.
No.	1.	2.	3.	4.				
1.	George Beal,	Cohasset,	Mar. 16, 1824,	Cohasset,	1856.	Agent,		
2.	John D. Long,	Hingham,	Oct. 27, 1838,	Buckfield, Me.,	1875.	Lawyer,		
3.	George H. Torrey,	S Scituate,	Mar. 29, 1819,	South Scituate,	1875.	Merchant,		
4.	H. D. Packard,	Halifax,	July 16, 1840,	N. Bridgewater,	1875.	Merchant,		
5.	Stephen M. Allen,	Duxbury,	Apr. 15, 1819,	Albany, N. H.,	1846.	Manufacturer,		
6.	Stephen C. Phinney,	Plymouth,	Sept. 18, 1829,	Plymouth,	1875.	Engineer,		
7.	Issiah Churchill,	Plymouth,	Oct. 10, 1806,	Plymouth,	1875.	Marble Manufacturer,		
8.	John Savery,	Wareham,	Nov. 3, 1815,	Wareham,	1874.	Manufacturer,		
9.	John S. Ryder,	Rochester,	Mar. 1, 1822,	Rochester,	1876.	Farmer,		

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<b>PLYMOUTH Co.—Cons.</b>						
No. 9, . . .	John B Le Baron, .	Middleboro', .	Sept. 19, 1817,		Iron Founder, .	1875.
10, . . .	Philo Keith, .	Bridgewater, .	8, 1806,		Cotton Gin Manuf'r., .	1875.
11, . . .	Isaac N. Nutter, .	E. Bridgew'r, .	June 23, 1836,		Merchant, .	1875.
12, . . .	Ziba C. Keith, .	Campello, .	July 13, 1842,		Merchant, .	1875.
	George W. Reed, .	S. Abington, .	Sept. 29, 1826,		Sole Cutler, .	1867.
	Dexter Grose, .	Abington, .	June 9, 1830,	Hanover, .	Boot and Shoe Manf., .	1875.
<b>BARNSTABLE Co.</b>						
No. 1, . . .	Levi L. Goodspeed, .	W. Barnstable, .	June 23, 1822,	Sandwich, .	Farmer, .	1874.
2, . . .	Isaac N. Keith, .	W. Sandwich, .	Nov. 14, 1838,	West Sandwich, .	Car Manufacturer, .	1875.
3, . . .	Joshua C. Robinson, .	E. Falmouth, .	May 11, 1834,	East Falmouth, .	Manufacturer, .	1874.
4, . . .	George D. Smalley, .	Harwich, .	Aug. 27, 1824,	Brewster, .	Stove Dealer, .	1874.
	Luther Fisk, .	West Dennis, .	June 21, 1832,	West Dennis, .	Ship Agent, .	1875.
	Solomon E. Hallett, .	Chatham, .	Jan. 29, 1833,	Chatham, .	Merchant, .	1874.
	Isaiah A. Small, .	Provinceto'n, .	Feb. 25, 1825,	Truro, .	Shipsmith, .	1875.
	Edward W. Noble, .	Truro, .	— 1811,	Adams, .	Clergyman, .	1875.
<b>DUKE'S COUNTY.</b>						
No. 1, . . .	Beriah T. Hillman, .	Chilmark, .	Jan. 28, 1843,	Chilmark, .	Trader, .	1875.
<b>NANTUCKET COUNTY.</b>						
No. 1, . . .	Joseph Mitchell, 2d, .	Nantucket, .	Oct. 3, 1809,	Nantucket, .	Shipmaster, .	1865.

## OFFICERS OF THE HOUSE.

NAME AND OFFICE.	Residence.	Date of Birth.	Occupation.	1st year in office.
George A. Marden, <i>Clerk</i> , . . . . .	Lowell, . . . . .	August 9, 1839,	Editor, . . . . .	†1873.
§ Robert G. Seymour, <i>Chaplain</i> , . . . . .	Boston, . . . . .	- - - - -	Clergyman, . . . . .	1873.

† House of Representatives.

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**THE SPEAKER.**

1. The Speaker shall take the chair at the hour to which the House stands adjourned, call the members to order, and on the appearance of a quorum proceed to business.

2. He shall preserve decorum and order; may speak to points of order in preference to other members; and shall decide all questions of order, subject to an appeal to the House.

[With regard to appeals, see Rules 81 and 92.]

3. He shall declare all votes, subject to verification as hereinafter provided.

[See Rules 63 to 67.]

4. In all cases he may vote.

5. He shall rise to put a question, or to address the House, but may read sitting.

6. He shall each day examine the journal of the House.

7. He may name a member to perform the duties of the chair for a period not exceeding two days at one time.

8. In case of a vacancy in the office of Speaker, or in case the Speaker or the member named by him in accordance with the preceding rule, is absent at the hour to which the House stands adjourned, the senior monitor present shall call the House to order, and shall preside until a Speaker pro tempore or a Speaker is elected by ballot, which shall be the first business in order.



**MONITORS.**

9. Two monitors shall be appointed by the Speaker for each division of the House, whose duty it shall be to see to the due observance of the Rules and Orders, and on request of the Speaker to return the number of votes and members in their respective divisions.

10. If a member transgress any of the Rules and Orders after being notified thereof by a monitor, it shall be the duty of such monitor to report the case to the House.

[For duty of monitor in case of the absence of the Speaker, see Rule 8.] [See Rule 20.]

**CLERK.**

11. The Clerk shall keep the journal of the House. He shall enter therein a record of each day's proceedings and submit it to the Speaker before the hour fixed for the next sitting.

12. Every question of order shall be noted in the journal, and with the decision shall be entered at large in an appendix, which shall also contain the Rules and Orders of the House and of the two branches.

13. The Clerk shall prepare and cause to be printed each day a calendar of matters in order for consideration; followed by a brief minute of the preliminary proceedings of the previous day; a list of matters lying on the table; and such other memoranda as the House or the Speaker may direct.

14. Any objection to the calendar shall be made and disposed of before the House votes to proceed to the consideration of the Orders of the Day.

15. The Clerk shall retain bills and other papers, in reference to which any member has a right to move a reconsideration (except petitions, enacted bills, orders of inquiry and orders of notice), until the right of reconsideration has expired: *provided*, that the operation of this rule shall be suspended during the last week of the session.

**MEMBERS.**

16. No member shall stand up, to the inconvenience of others, while a member is speaking; or pass unnecessarily between the Speaker of the House and the member speaking; or stand in the passages, or in the area in front of the chair.

17. No member shall be absent more than two days without leave of the House.

18. No member shall leave the House before the consideration of the Orders of the Day is finished.

19. Papers in possession of a member obtaining leave of absence, or at the end of the session, shall be left by him with the Clerk.

20. If a member is guilty of a breach of any of the Rules and Orders, he may be required by the House, on motion, to make satisfaction therefor, and, until he has done so, he shall not be allowed to vote or speak, except by way of excuse.

[See Rule 10.]

#### COMMITTEES.

21. At the beginning of the political year, eleven Standing Committees, to consist of seven members each, shall be appointed, as follows :—

- A Committee on the Judiciary ;
- A Committee on Matters of Probate and Chancery ;
- A Committee on Finance ;
- A Committee on Elections ;
- A Committee on Bills in the Third Reading ;
- A Committee on Engrossed Bills ;
- A Committee on County Estimates ;
- A Committee on the Pay Roll ;
- A Committee on Leave of Absence ;
- A Committee on Public Buildings ;
- A Committee on Printing.

22. Unless other provision is made in any case, all committees shall be appointed by the Speaker, and the member first named shall be chairman.

23. In case of the election of a committee by ballot, the member having the highest number of votes shall be chairman.

24. No member shall be required to be on more than two committees at the same time, nor chairman of more than one.

25. No member shall serve on any committee in any question where his private right is immediately concerned distinct from the public interest.

26. The Committee on Finance shall report in appropriation bills, only such items of expenditure as are authorized by law, or such as the committee has been directed by the House to insert.

27. The Committee on Bills in the Third Reading shall examine and correct the bills which are referred to it, for the pur-

pose of avoiding repetitions and unconstitutional provisions, insuring accuracy in the text and references, and consistency with the language of existing statutes : *provided*, that any change in the sense or legal effect shall be reported as an amendment.

28. The Committee on Engrossed Bills shall carefully examine and compare engrossed bills, and report them rightly and truly engrossed, when found to be so.

29. When the object of an application, whether by petition, order or bill introduced on leave, can be secured without a special act under existing general laws, the committee to which the matter is referred shall report leave to withdraw, inexpedient to legislate, or ought not to pass, as the case may be.

30. No bill affecting the rights of individuals or private or municipal corporations shall be reported by a committee, unless notice has been given to all parties interested, by public advertisement or otherwise, without expense to the Commonwealth; or unless satisfactory evidence is produced that the parties interested have either received notice in writing, or have in writing waived notice.

31. On or before the twenty-second day of March, committees shall make final report upon matters referred to them prior to that day, unless further time is granted, for cause.

#### *Committee of the Whole.*

32. When the House determines to go into a committee of the whole, the chairman shall be appointed by the Speaker.

33. The rules of the House shall be observed in a committee of the whole, so far as they may be applicable, except the rules limiting debate. A motion to rise, report progress and ask leave to sit again, shall be always first in order, and be decided without debate.

#### REGULAR COURSE OF PROCEEDINGS.

##### *Petitions, etc., and Reports of Committees.*

34. Petitions, memorials, remonstrances, and papers of a like nature, and reports of committees, shall be presented before the House proceeds to the consideration of the Orders of the Day, and the Speaker shall call on the several divisions for such papers.

35. The member presenting a petition, memorial, or remonstrance, shall indorse his name thereon, with a brief statement of the nature and object of the paper, and the reading thereof shall be dispensed with, unless specially ordered.

*Papers from the Senate.*

36. Papers from the Senate shall be laid before the House by the Speaker, and received for action conformably to such of these Rules and Orders as are applicable thereto, before the House proceeds to the consideration of the Orders of the Day.

*Papers addressed to the House, not Petitions.*

37. Papers addressed to the House or the General Court, other than petitions, memorials, and remonstrances, or those received from the Senate, may be presented by the Speaker, or by a member in his place, and shall be read unless it is specially ordered that the reading be dispensed with.

*Orders of Inquiry.*

38. All motions contemplating legislation, when not founded upon petition, or upon bill proposed to be introduced on leave, shall be made in the form of an order of inquiry, which shall indicate the nature of the legislation proposed; and if reference is made to any particular law, for amendment or otherwise, the order shall specify the chapter and section, as well as the subject to which it relates.

*Postponement to the Next Day on Request of a Member.*

39. The consideration of any order proposed for adoption, or of any request for leave to introduce a bill, shall be postponed without question to the day after that on which the order is proposed or request made, if any member asks such postponement.

*Bills and Resolves.*

40. Bills shall be fairly written in a legible hand, without material erasure or interlineation, on not less than one sheet of paper, with suitable margins and spaces between the several sections; dates and numbers being written in words at length.

41. If opposition is made to a bill before it is ordered to a second reading, the question shall be, "*Shall this bill be rejected?*"

If no opposition is made, or if the question to reject is negatived, the bill shall go to its second reading without a question.

42. Bills involving an expenditure of public money shall, after the first reading, be referred to the Committee on Finance, for report on their relation to the finances of the Commonwealth.

43. Bills from the Senate, after their first reading, shall be referred to a committee of the House, unless they were reported to the Senate by a joint committee.

44. Amendments, proposed by the Senate and sent back to the House for concurrence, shall be referred to the committee which reported the measure proposed to be amended, unless such committee is composed of members of both branches.

45. No bill shall be proposed or introduced unless received from the Senate, reported by a committee, or moved as an amendment to the report of a committee : *provided*, that the House may grant special leave to a member to introduce a bill ; but when leave is asked for the introduction of a bill, it shall be read for information before the question is put on granting leave ; and if leave is granted, it shall be committed before it is ordered to a second reading.

46. No bill affecting directly the legal rights of individuals or corporations, otherwise than as it affects generally the interests of the whole people of the Commonwealth, or of the cities or towns to which it specifically applies, shall be proposed or introduced, by amendment or otherwise, except by a report of a committee, upon petition duly presented and referred.

47. When a bill, order, petition, memorial or remonstrance has been finally rejected, no measure substantially the same shall be introduced by any committee or member during the same session ; and if an amendment to a House bill is received from the Senate, which amendment is substantially the same as a bill which has been rejected by the House, the Speaker shall direct the Clerk to indorse on the paper that the House non-concurs in the amendment, and shall not entertain any motion for any other action thereon.

48. Bills in their third reading shall be referred to the Committee on Bills in the Third Reading for examination, correction and report.

[See Rule 27.]

49. No bill shall pass to be engrossed without having been read on three several days.

50. Engrossed bills shall be referred to the Committee on Engrossed Bills for examination, comparison and report.

[See Rule 28.]

51. No engrossed bill shall be amended.

52. Engrossed bills, reported by the Committee on Engrossed Bills to be rightly and truly engrossed, shall be put upon their passage to be enacted; and engrossed resolves, when so reported, shall be put upon their passage; without further reading, unless specially ordered.

53. No engrossed bill shall be sent to the Senate without notice thereof being given by the Speaker.

#### *Orders of the Day.*

54. Bills from the Senate, after their first reading, when not referred to a committee of the House, and bills reported to the House by committees, to which no objection is made, or when the question of rejection is negatived, shall be placed in the orders for second reading on the next day.

55. Reports of committees not by bill or resolve shall be placed in the orders of the next day after that on which they are received from the Senate, or made to the House, as the case may be.

56. Bills ordered to a third reading shall be placed in the orders of the next day for such reading.

57. After entering upon the consideration of the Orders of the Day, the House shall proceed with them in regular course, as follows:—Matters not giving rise to a motion or debate shall first be disposed of in the order in which they stand in the calendar; after which the matters that were passed over shall be considered in like order, and disposed of.

58. When the House does not finish the consideration of the Orders of the Day, those which have not been acted upon shall be the orders for the next and each succeeding day until disposed of, and shall be entered in the calendar, without change in their order, to precede matters added under Rules fifty-four, fifty-five and fifty-six. The unfinished business in which the House was engaged at the time of adjournment, shall have the preference in the orders of the next day, after motions to reconsider.

*Special Rules affecting the Course of Proceedings.*

[For postponement of Order, etc., to next day, on report of a member, see Rule 39.]

59. No matter which has been duly placed in the Orders of the Day shall be discharged therefrom, or considered out of the regular course.

60. If, under the operation of the previous question or otherwise, an amendment is made at the second or third reading of a bill, substantially changing the greater part of such bill, the question shall not be put forthwith on ordering the bill to a third reading or to be engrossed (as the case may be), but the bill, as amended, shall be placed in the orders of the next day after that on which the amendment is made, and shall then be open to further amendment before such question is put. In like manner, when, under the operation of the previous question or otherwise, an amendment is made in any proposition of such a nature as to change its character, as from a bill to an order, or the like, the proposition as amended shall be placed in the orders of the next day after that on which the amendment was made.

## VOTING.

61. No member shall vote in any question where his private right is immediately concerned, distinct from the public interest.

62. Every member not prevented by interest, who is present in the House when a question is put, shall give his vote, unless the House, for special reasons, excuse him. Members desiring to be so excused shall make application to that effect before the House is divided, or before the taking of the yeas and nays is begun. Such application may be accompanied by a brief statement of reasons by the member making it, but shall be decided without debate.

63. When a question is put, the sense of the House shall be taken by the voices of the members, and the Speaker shall first announce the vote as it appears to him by the sound.

64. If the Speaker is unable to decide by the sound of the voices, or if his announcement made thereupon is doubted by a member rising in his place for that purpose, the Speaker shall order a return by divisions of the number voting in the affirmative and in the negative, without further debate upon the question.

[For duty of monitors in case of a division, see Rule 9.]

65. When a return by divisions is ordered, the members for or against the question, when called on by the Speaker, shall rise in their places, and stand until they are counted.

66. The sense of the House shall be taken by yeas and nays, whenever required by one-fifth of the members present. When the yeas and nays are taken, the roll of the House shall be called in alphabetical order, and no member shall be allowed to vote who was not on the floor when his name was called or before the roll-call was finished.

67. The call for the yeas and nays shall be decided without debate. If the yeas and nays have been ordered before the question is put, the proceedings under Rules sixty-three, sixty-four and sixty-five shall be omitted; if not, they may be called for in lieu of a return by divisions when the Speaker's announcement is doubted by a member rising in his place, and if then ordered, the proceedings under Rules sixty-four and sixty-five shall be omitted.

*Reconsideration.*

68. When a vote has passed (except as provided in the next rule), it shall be in order for any member to move a reconsideration thereof on the same or the succeeding day, and such motion, if made on the same day, shall (except in the last week of the session) be placed first in the orders of the next day after that on which it is made; but if first moved on such succeeding day, it shall be forthwith considered: *provided, however*, that a motion to reconsider a vote upon any incidental or subsidiary question, shall not remove the main subject under consideration from before the House, but shall be considered at the time when it is made.

69. When a motion for reconsideration is decided, that decision shall not be reconsidered, and no question shall be twice reconsidered; nor shall any vote be reconsidered upon either of the following motions:—

- To adjourn;
- To lay on the table;
- To take from the table; or
- For the previous question.

70. Debate on motions to reconsider shall be limited to thirty minutes, and no member shall occupy more than five minutes.

[For Rule requiring the Clerk to retain papers, except, etc., until the right of reconsideration has expired, see Rule 15.]



## RULES OF DEBATE.

71. Every member, when about to speak, shall rise and respectfully address the Speaker, shall confine himself to the question under debate, and avoid personality ; and shall sit down when he has finished. No member shall speak out of his place without leave of the Speaker.

72. When two or more members rise at the same time, the Speaker shall name the member entitled to the floor, preferring one who rises in his place to one who does not.

73. No member shall interrupt another while speaking, except by rising to call to order.

74. No member shall speak more than once to the prevention of those who have not spoken and desire to speak on the same question, nor more than twice on the same question, without leave of the House.

*Motions.*

75. Every motion shall be reduced to writing, if the Speaker so directs.

76. A motion need not be seconded, and may be withdrawn by the mover if no objection is made.

77. A motion to adjourn shall be always first in order ; and that motion, and the motions to lay on the table and to take from the table, shall be decided without debate.

[For application to be excused from voting, to be decided without debate, see Rule 62.]

[For call for yeas and nays, to be decided without debate, see Rule 67.]

[For questions of order arising after the previous question is moved, to be decided without debate, except on appeal, see Rule 81.]

78. When a question is before the House, until it is disposed of, the Speaker shall receive no motion that does not relate to the same, except the motion to adjourn, or some other motion that has precedence either by express rule of the House, or because it is privileged in its nature ; and he shall receive no motion relating to the same, except :—

To lay on the table ;

See Rule 77, above.

For the previous question ;

See Rules 79-84, below.

To close the debate at a specified time ;

See Rules 83, 84, below.

To postpone to a time certain ;

See Rule 85, below.

To commit (or recommit) ;

See Rule 86, below.

To amend ;

See Rules 87-90, below.

To refer to the next General Court ;

Or to postpone indefinitely ;

See Rule 91, below.

Which several motions shall have precedence in the order in which they are arranged in this rule.

*Previous Question.*

79. The previous question shall be put in the following form : “*Shall the main question be now put?*”—and all debate upon the main question shall be suspended until the previous question is decided.

80. On the previous question, not exceeding ten minutes shall be allowed for debate, and that only to give reasons why the main question should not be put, and no member shall speak more than three minutes.

81. All questions of order arising after a motion is made for the previous question shall be decided without debate, excepting on appeal, and on such appeal no member shall speak more than once without leave of the House.

[See Rule 92.]

82. The adoption of the previous question shall put an end to all debate except as provided in Rule eighty-four, and bring the House to a direct vote upon pending amendments, if any, in their regular order, and then upon the main question.

*Motion to Close Debate at a Specified Time.*

83. A motion to close the debate at a specified time, shall be put not less than thirty minutes before the time stated.

[See the next Rule.]

*When the Debate is Closed, Ten Minutes Allowed, etc.*

84. When debate is closed by ordering the previous question, or by a vote to close debate at a specified time, the member in charge of the measure under consideration shall be allowed to speak ten minutes, and may grant to any other member any portion of his time.

*Motion to Postpone to a Time Certain.*

85. When a motion is made to postpone to a time certain, and different times are proposed, the question shall first be taken on the most remote time ; and the time shall be determined

before the question is put on postponement, which may then be rejected if the House see fit.

*Motion to Commit.*

86. When a motion is made to commit, and different committees are proposed, the question shall be taken in the following order :—

- A standing committee of the House ;
- A select committee of the House ;
- A joint standing committee ;
- A joint select committee ;

And a subject may be recommitted to the same committee, or to another committee, at the pleasure of the House.

*Motions to Amend.*

87. A motion to amend an amendment may be received, but no amendment in the third degree shall be allowed.

88. No motion or proposition, of a subject different from that under consideration, shall be admitted under color of amendment.

89. A question containing two or more propositions, capable of division, shall be divided whenever desired by any member. When a motion to strike out and insert is thus divided, the failure of the motion to strike out shall not preclude amendment ; or, if the motion to strike out prevails, the matter proposed to be inserted shall be open to amendment before the question is taken on inserting it.

90. In filling blanks, the largest sum and longest time shall be put first.

*Equivalent for Motion to Postpone Indefinitely.*

91. A motion to strike out the enacting clause of a bill shall be equivalent to a motion to postpone indefinitely.

**APPEAL.**

92. No appeal from the decision of the Speaker shall be entertained, unless it is seconded ; and no other business shall be in order until the question on the appeal has been disposed of.

[See Rule 81.]

RESOLVES.

93. Such of these Rules and Orders as are applicable to bills, whether of the House or of the Senate, shall apply likewise to such Resolves as require the concurrence of the Senate and approval by the Governor, in order to become laws and have force as such. Except in Rule fifty-two, the word "bill" shall be equivalent to the word "resolve" in the same place.

ELECTIONS BY BALLOT.

94. A time shall be assigned for elections by ballot, at least one day previous thereto.

SECRET SESSION.

95. All proceedings in secret session, and matters relating thereto, shall be kept secret until the House removes the injunction of secrecy.

SEATS.

96. (1.) The desk on the right of the Speaker shall be assigned to the use of the Clerk and such persons as he may employ to assist him, and that on the left to the use of the Chairmen of the Committees on Bills in the Third Reading and on Engrossed Bills.

(2.) The seat numbered 25, in the third division, shall be assigned to the use of the senior member of the House, and that numbered 24, in the fourth division, to the use of the oldest member of the House who is not the senior member.

(3.) The seat numbered 11, in the first division, shall be assigned to the use of the Chairman of the Committee on the Judiciary, and that numbered 35, in the sixth division, to the use of the Chairman of the Committee on Finance.

(4.) The following seats shall be assigned to the use of the monitors:

Those numbered 30 and 34, in the first division;  
 100 and 104, in the second division;  
 96 and 99, in the third division;  
 92 and 95, in the fourth division;  
 87 and 91, in the fifth division; and  
 15 and 19, in the sixth division;

(5.) The first business in order on the day next succeeding

the day on which the appointment of standing committees and monitors is announced by the Speaker, shall be the drawing of the other seats upon the floor of the House.

(6.) The Clerk shall call the roll of the members in alphabetical order, omitting the names of the Speaker, the senior member, the oldest member, the chairmen of committees herein before mentioned, and the monitors; and the drawing shall be had in presence of the House, under the supervision of a committee of three selected from the members mentioned in this paragraph.

(7.) The seat assigned to any member, or drawn by him, shall be his seat for the year, unless an exchange is made, and notice thereof given to the Sergeant-at-Arms within ten days from the day of the drawing.

#### PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR.

97. (1.) Every member shall have the privilege of introducing upon the floor of the House, to occupy (for that day) any seat then vacant not belonging to a member, or belonging to a member who is absent, not more than one person at the same time, such person not having any private interest in any measure before the legislature distinct from the public interest: *provided*, that in any case when by the exercise of this privilege on the part of some of the members, the vacant seats have been filled, and the Speaker so announces, the further exercise of the privilege shall be suspended for that day, or until one or more of the seats thus filled are vacated.

(2.) The Speaker may also invite visitors, not inhabitants of this Commonwealth, without limit of number, to seats (not numbered) upon the floor of the House.

(3.) Contestants for seats in the House whose papers are in the hands of the Committee on Elections, may be admitted while their cases are pending, to seats to be assigned by the Speaker.

(4.) Senators, and the principal officers\* in the Executive and Judicial departments of the Civil Government of the Commonwealth, the Chaplains of both Houses and the Clerk of the Senate, shall be admitted to the floor whenever they may have occasion to visit the House, and may occupy any of the seats not numbered which they may find vacant, or any seats which may be assigned by the Speaker for their use for the time being.

\* See list in the "Blue Book."

## REPRESENTATIVES' CHAMBER.

98. The use of the Representatives' Chamber shall not be granted except by a vote of four-fifths of the members present.

## CUSHING'S MANUAL.

99. The rules of parliamentary practice comprised in Cushing's Manual shall govern the House in all cases to which they are applicable, and in which they are not inconsistent with these Rules and Orders, or the Joint Rules and Orders of the two branches.

## SUSPENSION, AMENDMENT AND REPEAL.

100. Nothing in these Rules and Orders shall be dispensed with, altered or repealed, unless two-thirds of the members present consent thereto; but this rule, and Rules thirty-nine, forty-eight and ninety-eight, shall not be suspended, unless by unanimous consent of the members present.

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Blanks for orders, bills, reports, petitions and indorsement of petitions, may be had on application to the Clerk, or at the document-room, and members are respectfully requested to use the same in the preparation of papers.

## [No. 3.]

## JOINT RULES AND ORDERS

OF THE

## TWO BRANCHES.

**RULE 1.** List of joint standing committees—No member of either House to act as counsel before any committee.

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**RULE 4.** Reports of joint committees on subjects referred to them from Standing Committees of either branch, to be made in the House where such reference is made.

**RULE 5.** Clerk to indorse amendments made in reports of joint committees over signature of chairman or member of committee.

**RULE 6.** Report, leave to withdraw, to be made on petitions for legislation, which can be secured under general laws.

**RULE 7.** Papers on their passage to be under the signature of the Clerks, except, etc.—Messages.

**RULE 8.** Engrossed bills and bills ordered to be engrossed.

**RULE 9.** Notice of bills, etc., rejected to be sent to the other branch.

**RULE 10.** Bills that have passed to be enacted.

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**RULE 22.** Bills and resolves affecting rights of individuals or corporations not to be introduced, except, etc.

**RULE 23.** Concerning the printing and binding of documents.

**RULE 1.** The following joint standing committees shall be appointed at the commencement of the January session, viz. :—

- A Committee on Agriculture ;
- A Committee on Banks and Banking ;
- A Committee on Claims ;
- A Committee on Education ;
- A Committee on Expenditures ;
- A Committee on Federal Relations ;
- A Committee on the Fisheries ;
- A Committee on Harbors ;
- A Committee on Insurance ;
- A Committee on the Library ;
- A Committee on Manufactures ;
- A Committee on Mercantile Affairs ;
- A Committee on Military Affairs ;
- A Committee on Parishes and Religious Societies ;
- A Committee on Prisons ;
- A Committee on Public Charitable Institutions ;
- A Committee on Public Lands ;
- A Committee on Railroads ;
- A Committee on Roads and Bridges ;
- A Committee on the State House ;
- A Committee on Street Railways ;
- A Committee on Towns ;
- A Committee on Water-Supply and Drainage ;

And each of said committees shall consist of two on the part of the Senate, and five on the part of the House, except the Committee on Claims, the Committee on Harbors, the Committee on Mercantile Affairs, the Committee on Prisons, the Committee on Public Charitable Institutions, the Committee on Railroads, the Committee on Street Railways, and the Committee on Water-Supply and Drainage, which shall each consist of three members on the part of the Senate, and eight members on the part of the House ; and except the Committee on the Library, which, by law, is to consist of three on the part of each House ; and except the Committee on Expenditures, which shall consist of the Committee on the Treasury of the Senate and the Committee on Finance of the House. No member of either House shall act as counsel for any party before any committee of the Legislature.

RULE 2. The joint committees of the two Houses may report by bill, resolve or otherwise to either House, at their discretion ; and all bills and resolves reported by them shall be fairly written in a legible hand, without material erasure or interlineation, on



not less than one sheet of paper, with suitable margins and spaces between the several sections; dates and numbers being written in words at length.

RULE 3. Reports of joint committees may be recommitted to the same committees at the pleasure of the House first acting thereon, without asking the concurrence of the other branch; and bills or resolves which have been previously acted on in one branch may be recommitted in the other without a concurrent vote, except when recommitted with instructions: *provided*, that, after such recommitment, report shall, in all cases, be made to the branch which shall have ordered such recommitment.

RULE 4. Whenever a report is made from any committee to either House, and the subject-matter thereof is subsequently referred therein to a joint committee, such committee shall report its action to the branch in which the original report was made.

RULE 5. If any part of the report of a committee over the signature of the chairman or members of the committee is amended in either branch, the Clerk of that branch shall indorse upon the report such amendment.

RULE 6. Whenever, upon any application for an act of incorporation, or other special legislation, the purpose for which such legislation is sought can be secured under general laws, the committee to which the matter is referred shall, in all cases, report "leave to withdraw," or "inexpedient to legislate."

RULE 7. All papers, while on their passage between the two Houses, may be under the signature of the respective Clerks, except bills and resolves in their last stage. Messages may be sent by such persons as each House may direct.

RULE 8. After bills shall have passed both Houses to be engrossed, they shall be in the charge of the Clerks of the two Houses, who shall deliver the same to the Secretary of the Commonwealth, to be engrossed in the manner prescribed by law; and when engrossed, the said Clerks shall forthwith deliver the same to the Committee of the House of Representatives on Engrossed Bills; and when the same shall have passed to be enacted in that House, they shall in like manner be delivered to the Committee of the Senate on Engrossed Bills.

RULE 9. If any bill, resolve or order, originating in one branch, is rejected in the other, notice thereof shall be given,

under the signature of the Clerk, to the branch in which the same originated.

**RULE 10.** The Clerk of the House in which the bill originated shall make an indorsement thereon, certifying in which House the same originated, which indorsement shall be entered on the journals by the Clerks respectively.

After said bills shall have passed both Houses to be enacted, the Clerk of the Senate shall lay them before the Governor for his approbation, and shall enter upon the Journal of the Senate the day on which the same were laid before the Governor.

**RULE 11.** All resolves and other papers, which are to be presented to the Governor for his approbation, shall be laid before him in the same manner as is prescribed in the case of bills.

**RULE 12.** All resolves proposing amendments of the Constitution shall have three several readings in each House, and the final question upon adopting the same shall be taken by yeas and nays.

**RULE 13.** The President of the Senate shall preside in conventions of the two branches; and such conventions shall be holden in the Representatives' Chamber; the Clerk of the Senate shall be clerk of the convention, and a record of the proceedings of the convention shall be entered at large on the journals of both branches.

**RULE 14.** When an agreement has been made by the two branches to go into convention, such agreement shall not be altered or annulled, except by concurrent vote.

**RULE 15.** No business shall be entered on, in convention, other than that which may be agreed on before the convention is formed.

**RULE 16.** In all elections by joint ballot, a time shall be assigned therefor at least one day previous to such election.

**RULE 17.** The joint assembly required to be held by the Act of Congress approved July 25, 1866, entitled, "An Act to regulate the times and manner of holding elections for Senators in Congress," shall be deemed a convention of the two branches, and the proceedings therein shall be in accordance with the provisions of said Act. The president of the convention shall receive no motion on any day until one vote for Senator has been taken. After one vote for Senator has been taken, no motion shall be in order except a motion to adjourn, for a recess, or to proceed to vote for Senator; and these motions shall have

precedence in the order of their arrangement, and shall be decided without debate. If a motion is made for a recess, and different times are proposed, the question shall first be taken on the most remote time; and the time shall be determined, but without debate, before the question is put upon taking the recess. On either of the questions permitted by this rule, the sense of the convention shall be taken by yeas and nays, whenever required by one-fifth of the members present. When the yeas and nays are taken, the roll of the convention shall be called in alphabetical order, and no member shall be allowed to vote who was not on the floor when his name was called, or before the roll-call was finished. The call for the yeas and nays shall be decided without debate.

**RULE 18.** Committees of conference shall consist of three members on the part of each House, representing its vote; and their report, if agreed to by a majority of each committee, shall be made to the branch asking the conference, and may be either accepted or rejected; but no other action shall be had, except through a new committee of conference.

**RULE 19.** Joint committees shall make final report upon all matters previously referred to them, on or before the twenty-second day of March, unless further time is granted for cause.

**RULE 20.** All petitions, memorials and applications embraced in the provisions of chapter 2 of the General Statutes, and chapter 91 of the Acts of the year 1862, which shall be presented after the twenty-second day of February, shall be referred to the next General Court. This rule shall not be rescinded, amended or suspended, except by a concurrent vote of four-fifths of the members of each House present and voting thereon.

**RULE 21.** No bill or resolve affecting the rights of individuals or private or municipal corporations shall be reported by a committee, unless notice has been given to all parties interested, by public advertisement or otherwise, without expense to the Commonwealth; or unless satisfactory evidence is produced that the parties interested have either received notice in writing, or have in writing waived notice.

**RULE 22.** No bill or resolve affecting directly the legal rights of individuals or corporations, otherwise than as it affects generally the interests of the whole people of the Commonwealth, or of the cities or towns to which it specifically applies, shall be proposed or introduced by amendment or otherwise, except

by report of a committee, upon petition duly presented and referred.

**RULE 23.** The Committees on Printing shall act as a joint committee in cases requiring joint action; and as such may make regulations for the distribution of all documents printed or assigned for the use of the Legislature not otherwise disposed of, such regulations to be reported to and subject to the order of the two branches.

Under the general order to print a report, bill or other document, the number printed shall be eight hundred, with the exception of the Governor's inaugural address, of which three thousand copies may be printed without special order. Either branch, by special order, may direct a larger number than eight hundred copies to be printed, which order shall be referred to Committee on Printing, who may report thereon at any time when the Orders of the Day are not under consideration.

Leave to report in print shall not be construed to authorize the printing of extended reports of evidence.

No binding or engraving shall be ordered, except upon the report of the Joint Committee on Printing, accepted by the Legislature.

Bills, reports and other documents, printed under the general order of either House, shall be distributed as follows, to wit: Two copies to each member of the Senate and House of Representatives (to be placed on his file under the direction of the Sergeant-at-Arms, if desired by the member); three copies to each Clerk in either branch, and three copies to each reporter in regular attendance, to whom a seat has been assigned in either branch; twenty copies to the Executive; twenty copies to the Secretary's office; six copies to the State Library; and when the document is the report of a committee, ten copies shall be assigned to the committee making the report. The Sergeant-at-Arms shall preserve as many as may be necessary for the permanent files to be placed in the lobbies, and distribute the remainder under such regulations as may be prescribed by said joint committee.

## [ N o. 4. ]

## THE OATH OF OFFICE.

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I, (repeating your name,) do solemnly swear, that I will bear true faith and allegiance to the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, and will support the Constitution thereof. *So help me, God.*

I, , do solemnly swear and affirm, that I will faithfully and impartially discharge and perform all the duties incumbent upon me as a Representative, according to the best of my abilities and understanding, agreeably to the rules and regulations of the Constitution and laws of this Commonwealth. *So help me, God.*

I, , do solemnly swear, that I will support the Constitution of the United States. *So help me, God.*

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AFFIRMATION.

I, (repeating your name,) do solemnly affirm, that I will bear true faith and allegiance to the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, and will support the Constitution thereof. *This I do, under the pains and penalties of perjury.*

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